

# UN urgently considers aid for refugees as Iraq says rebellion is completely beaten

## Turkey closes border to Kurds

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United Nations was last night urgently considering help for the Kurds in Iraq as millions fled their homes to escape reprisals for the month-long rebellion that has now been almost completely crushed.

Turkey closed its border yesterday, saying that it could not cope with the 200,000 refugees massing along the freezing mountain roads to the frontier. Hundreds of thousands more were heading for the Iranian border in a 50-mile convoy, but they, too, were being denied access.

The UN high commissioner for refugees, Sadako Ogata, appealed to the Ankara government to provide them with a safe haven, if only temporarily, saying: "The danger of genocide is a serious one."

Britain joined Turkey and France in calling on the UN to take political and humanitarian action to stop the re-

pression, although Britain remained opposed to the issue being incorporated into the ceasefire resolution which was being voted through last night. President Mitterrand of France called on the UN to condemn Baghdad's treatment of the Kurds and to maintain the trade blockade on Iraq. Action must be taken or "the political and moral authority of the UN would be gravely affected".

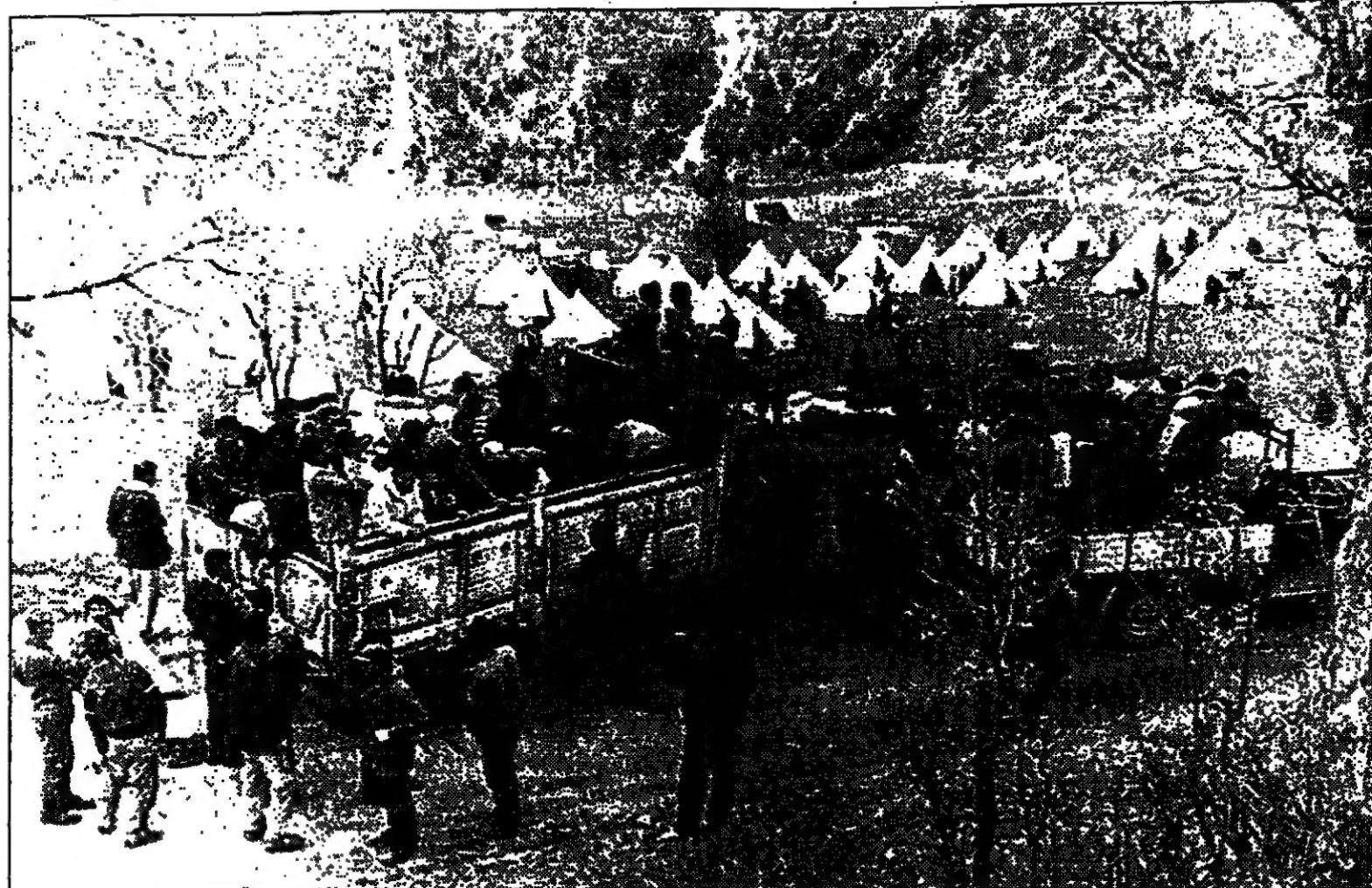
The French secretary of state for humanitarian action, Bernard Kouchner, was being sent to northern Iraq to try to help the refugees. He would be taking with him a cargo of medicine, clothing and food. Margaret Thatcher, who yesterday met Kurdish exiles in London, urged Britain to take similar action. "It should not be beyond the wit of man to get planes there with tents with food and with warm blankets," she said. "I think we should take very firm steps. It is not a question of standing on legal niceties. We should go now."

Britain yesterday consulted its coalition partners on how best to tackle the plight of the Kurds and the Foreign Office expressed concern for the rebels, saying they were yet further casualties of Saddam's inhuman policies.

Britain, America, China and the Soviet Union all remain determined, however, that there should be no military intervention to help the rebels, who say that Saddam's troops have flattened villages, crushed people with tanks and strafed fleeing civilians.

The Iraqi news agency reported yesterday that government forces had recaptured Sulaimaniya, the last big town held by Kurdish fighters. The agency said that the inhabitants had "joyfully greeted" the troops when they arrived. "The saboteurs and traitors escaped to the mountains." In Damascus, a spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party said that Iraqi shelling had virtually razed villages near Kirkuk. "Ugly massacres were

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Flight from Saddam: Kurdish refugees, packed in trucks, arrive at a tent camp set up near the southeastern Turkish town of Semdali

## Screams and cries from a people in flight

AS WE climbed to the top of the ridge we saw before us about 100,000 men, women and children pressed impossibly close in a natural amphitheatre, sitting, squatting and lying amid the scattered rocks and snow.

A cacophony of screams, shouts and cries rose from this sea of humanity. The sound echoed off the high mountain walls on either side of us until it became a constant eerie and unnatural cry.

A biting wind whipped along the valley and through the crowd, tugging at the hopelessly inadequate clothing in which they had fled their homes the day before. Some were wrapped in brightly coloured but thin blankets which they pulled tight around themselves in a vain attempt to keep warm. Many wore only their nightclothes and shivered violently, unwilling or unable to move.

A girl, about six, lay curled up in a ball by my feet, wearing pyjama bottoms, a T-shirt a few sizes too small and a broken plastic sandal. Her tiny body shook so violently from the cold it seemed she was suffering from an epileptic fit. Her eyelids were half closed. We went in search of a doctor, but by the time we returned her tiny form was still. Her eyes were open now, her fists clenched, and her mouth open as if she was about to speak.

Lacking any shelter from the elements, the condition of



Death from cold, hunger and thirst stalks the refugees fleeing the army of Saddam, Tim Deagle writes

the refugees deteriorated steadily: by the time they had climbed higher into the mountains to arrive at the Turkish border and this perverse holding camp, thousands had succumbed to hypothermia and exhaustion. Having escaped from Iraq with only a few scraps of bread to eat and melted snow to drink, hunger and thirst could soon lead to malnutrition and starvation.

A woman, aged about 80, delirious from the combination of fatigue, fear and cold, writhed on the snowy ground, a few feet from a Turkish soldier. A constant stream of refugees passed her, too tired and cold themselves to offer any help. An hour later she was dead. Her body was moved to the side of the path and the stream of refugees continued unabated.

In the mass exodus of an entire population many families have been separated and there is a constant movement of people in the crowd, searching for sons, daughters and parents. Mohammed, a boy aged about 12, sat alone at the edge of the crowd scanning the mass, his face streaked with tears as he screamed for his parents. He had last seen them 16 hours before in Iraq. When we left, he had still not found them and was sitting with his face buried in his hands.

At times the fear and desperation became too much and crowds surged forward towards the 150 Turkish soldiers desperately trying to contain them. It began with a murmur, then shouts, and then a section of the crowd ran at the guards trying to make a break from the mountain to the fields and trees in the valley below.

Nobody managed to escape while I was there: every time they tried the soldiers would fire above the refugees' heads sending them running and screaming back, trampling those who did not or could not

move. With every other border crossing from Iraq controlled by President Saddam Hussein's army, this crossing at Iskerin is the only escape route for the Kurds trying to leave Iraq.

The conditions are appalling and the Turkish policy is

confusing. It is not sending them back but it is not letting them through either. Driven by hope that the Turks will allow them in, and pushed by the fear of reprisal by the advancing Iraqi army, more refugees will continue to arrive. There are at least another 100,000 making their way to Iskerin, if they have not already arrived, which is a tiny proportion of the three million trying to leave Iraq.

Almost every refugee I spoke to said they had no choice but to leave Iraq and

that this time they were leaving for good. That leaves Turkey with a human problem of enormous proportions. Unless the government reacts quickly it is the Iraqi Kurds who will suffer yet again.

As I flew away from the terrible ridge in a Turkish army helicopter I could see the people staring at me, their faces lifted upwards, their bodies motionless for a second. Then they went back to what they had been doing for months desperately trying to survive another day.

## Shares end trading on record high

By GEORGE SIVELL

LONDON shares closed at an all-time high yesterday, spurred by the overnight surge on Wall Street and helped by investors' "bed and breakfast" shares before the tax year ends tomorrow.

Prices were also marked up strongly by dealers who sensed a shortage of shares to satisfy demand from British and continental institutions. The FT-SE 100 index finished at 2519.1, up 30.8, against the previous closing record of 2500.3 last month, but failing to top the trading high of 2,527.1 reached during March 15.

Wall Street, however, remained subdued last night with the Dow-Jones index up just 0.25 points at 2945.3. American investors are awaiting the outcome of today's Bundesbank meeting, which may decide to raise German interest rates, and tomorrow's US unemployment figures, which may persuade the Federal Reserve to slacken US interest rates.

Colin Mills, head of global trading at County NatWest, said: "We have seen some very good business. The market has held up extremely well."

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## Soviet generals resist arms pact

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet parliament may not ratify the Paris treaty on conventional forces in Europe (CFE), even if the US legislature does so, generals indicated here yesterday.

The warning was given at a news conference on last week's meeting of Communists within the armed forces, at which President Gorbachev appears to have faced sharp criticism despite promising that the military's requirements were government priority. General Nikolai Shlyuga, head of the armed forces' military-political directorate, said of the CFE treaty signed by 34 leaders, including Mr Gorbachev, in Paris last November: "When it comes up for approval, we can assess whether it is beneficial or not."

His colleague, General Mikhail Surkov, who is considered a rising military star said: "Signature is one thing and ratification is another." He said the parliamentary committee on defence and foreign affairs, on which he serves, had not even seen a text of the agreement.

The tone adopted by the officers was unmistakably cool when set against the euphoria with which the accord was signed and published

only five months ago. It suggested that the treaty may encounter even more resistance among parliamentary hardliners than the new Soviet-German treaties, finally ratified by a reluctant legislature this week.

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## Jewish group supplied blacklist evidence

May Clancy discovers the investigators who supplied the names of Western firms which helped arm Iraq

THE main sources for the US government's blacklist of companies and individuals alleged to be connected with the build-up of finances and arms in Iraq were a research centre which receives substantial financial backing from Jewish sources and a financial detective agency linked by the Kuwaitis, it emerged yesterday.

Help from the international community - including Britain, France, Germany and countries in the Middle East was limited. In Britain, the trade and industry department merely checked a short list sent from Washington and the Germans have declined to deny that they dealt with Iraq.

The list of 52 businesses and 37 individuals, including a number based in Britain, was officially drawn up by the Office of Foreign Assets Control in Washington. The Times has discovered that it is a remarkable, supposedly to a list commissioned by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles and a dossier compiled by Kroll Associates, one of the world's largest financial detective agencies based in Wall Street, New York, which was commissioned by the Kuwaiti government.

However, the OFAC is reluctant to reveal its sources for the blacklist, which has been widely criticised by those on it as being out of date and inaccurate. Some of the British firms have said they only supplied equipment to Iraq which was for educational or civilian use and could not have been procured for military purposes. Individuals based in Britain have complained that they have been included because they used to work for Iraqi controlled firms.

Richard Newcomb, director of the OFAC, said yesterday that the Kuwaitis had been "very helpful" to the investigation which is being halted by the United States as a major piece of research into the subsidies used by Saddam's Iraq. Continued page 22, col 8

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## Farewell to the icy slopes of Greenland

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

GRAHAM Greene, for many the greatest novelist of his generation, died yesterday in Vevey on Lake Geneva at the age of 86. He had moved to Switzerland last year from his home in Antibes for treatment for a blood disease.

Even by hostile judges his work will be regarded as a literary landmark of the century. It was a blot on the judges rather than on Greene that he was never given the Nobel prize for literature. He was blocked for decades by a cabal of bigots on the spurious grounds that the Nobel was endowed for "the most outstanding work of an idealistic tendency". This was a core of ice and despair in his finest work. Seediness and failure, loyalty and betrayal, the ambiguities between good and evil were the territory in which he travelled, and which made his work instantly recognisable. Auden coined the epithet "graham-greenish", and others invented the

imaginary but vivid country of Greenland. In his serious fiction he was that rare bird, a religious writer, writing about the agonies and doubts more than the ecstasies and gunglio credos of religion. In his Doubting Thomas way, pace Nobel, he belonged to the bleeding but idealistic tendency.

In his autobiography, Greene offered as the epigraph for all his novels a quotation from Browning: "Our interest is on the dangerous edge of things." He was a writer for the dangerous edge of things. His experiences included alcohol, drugs, psychoanalysis, conversion to the Roman Catholic church, a flirtation with communism, the British secret service and constant travel in dictatorships and other precipitous parts of the world. His work tried to penetrate the heart of darkness as well as the darkness of the human heart.

He began work as a foreign sub-editor on The Times in 1926, where he learnt the disciplines of the ink trade,

and how to cut his own copy. He left with the publication of his first novel, The Man Within, in which the "honest" smuggler betrays his best friend. Office anecdote has it that, disappointed with his income from fiction, he asked for his old job back. The Times manager replied: "I am sorry, Mr Greene, but the caravan has moved on", so depriving the foreign desk of a good sub, but greatly benefiting literature.

In addition to his serious fiction, Greene was a prolific writer of what he called "entertainments", plays, and screenplays. He wrote the screenplays for two of the films that a good chooser might pick for the top ten for a desert island. The Third Man and The Fallen Idol. He was a cinema buff, and his fiction has a cinematic feel. He was a prodigious writer of letters to The Times on political and polemical topics. Having found that the paper would accept only letters with an authentic autograph, he signed a lot of blank sheets of writing

paper, and gave them to his sister who lived on the south coast. When the spirit moved him in Antibes to write to The Times, he could save a day's time in the post by dictating his letter to her over the telephone, and getting her to type it above his signature. He was a shy and secret man, steadfastly refusing to appear on television.

He said that he saw himself as one of his characters, but with characteristic ambiguity refused to say which of his flawed failures, his hollow men unable to find, or even to seek, the void left by the disappearance of God. The difference was that, at least as a novelist, he was a prodigious success, with a unique and melancholy vision of late 20th-century man. His work will be one of the hallmarks by which we shall be recognised by readers and historians centuries from now.

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# Bowbelle's look-out 'was not properly instructed'

By LIN JENKINS

THE master of the dredger Bowbelle, which collided on the Thames with the pleasure boat Marchioness with the loss of 51 lives, posted a bow look-out but failed to instruct him properly, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

That was one of four ways in which Captain Douglas Henderson's failure manifested itself early on August 20, 1989, the jury was told. Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, said that while the captain appointed Terence Blaney to go to the bow, 178ft ahead of the wheelhouse, "in a vessel with the restricted view from the wheelhouse, such as

Bowbelle left her berth at Nine Elms, southwest London, bound for dredging grounds off Felixstowe, Suffolk, in the North Sea at 1.20am on August 20, 1989.

In compliance with normal procedures, she told the river authority radio service of her movements. She also had right of way because of her size while heading down the Thames. Mr Wilcken said the Bowbelle must have been in sight of the pleasure cruiser, with 127 people on board, for 10 minutes before they collided between Southwark bridge and Cannon Street railway bridge.

There were three other ways in which Captain Henderson's failure was evident, he said. The captain had failed to issue walkie-talkie radios that had been provided; they remained in the captain's cabin.

Captain Henderson had not insisted that a mechanical bell fitted on the bow be used if he thought radios were not useful. "He should have instructed the look-out to use the bell to indicate the presence of all shipping on the river," Mr Wilcken said.

Finally, in any ship trimmed by the stern with visibility from the bridge obscured by kit on the deck, the master had an obligation to keep a look-out himself, and could have done so by moving around the wheelhouse.

Mr Blaney, the look-out, told the court that he did not see the Marchioness until they passed under Southwark bridge, and he saw her 100 to 150ft away, about 20 to 30 degrees to starboard. "It was pulled to one side as if it was listing us through," he said, adding that he did not report it as he did not believe it was impeding their progress.

When the Marchioness was 50ft away she turned across the Bowbelle's bow. He did not report the change to the bridge, believing it was too late to take any evasive action. "I started to scream, shout, whistle, and wave at the Marchioness," he said. "It all happened so quickly." The trial continues today.



Henderson: denies failing to instruct look-out

the Bowbelle had, it is quite insufficient to leave to the discretion of a look-out, however experienced, what he should or should not report."

Mr Wilcken said the navigation of the Bowbelle was carried out in the complacent but erroneous or negligent belief that rules governing shipping and radio broadcasts were sufficient to ensure no other vessel was in her path.

Captain Henderson, aged 33, of Throckley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, is charged with failing to ensure a proper look-out was kept. The captain, who holds a Class One Master Mariner Certificate of Competency, denied the charge.

At the opening of the case Mr Wilcken said: "The offence was completed before the collision took place, and it is not the task of this court to apportion blame." The 262ft



Jail of note: Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt, of the Status Quo rock group, at Pentonville prison, north London, to open a music workshop and hear a band of four inmates and a prison officer, Doug Jackson, whose show included, optimistically, Quo's *Rocking All Over The World*

## Former Lambeth councillors face fresh ban

TED Knight, former leader of Lambeth council, and 27 other surcharged councillors may be banned from office for a further five years and made to pay £212,000 after a town hall hearing yesterday.

The former councillors were banned and ordered to pay £350,000 in 1986 after the district auditor found them guilty of wilful misconduct by refusing to cut council spending. That five-year ban ended at midnight on Monday.

Now, after a hearing yesterday, ordered after complaints from ratepayers in the south London borough that, as well as the money already recovered from the councillors, Lambeth lost an additional £212,000 which has only now become apparent following detailed examination of the accounts, the district auditor is to decide whether further sanctions should be imposed.

Brian Skinner, the Metropolitan District Auditor chairing the hearing, said at the hearing that submissions from representatives of the ratepayers and the councillors would help to decide whether to impose further sanctions in the form of surcharge and disqualification from office.

Following brief submissions from both sides, he said he would consider the matter immediately, although no timescale has been given for his judgment.

None of the ex-councillors were in the chamber for the hearing, but Paul Howe, an accountant and their representative, said: "If another certificate is issued it will be a terrible injustice and a double punishment for the same offence. A loss of money due to wilful misconduct can only be judged once - in the same way as a plaintiff cannot sue for second damages after he has already received a settlement. A second certificate would also disqualify individuals for longer than Parliament intended and this hearing has to decide whether ten years rather than five is what was intended."

Mr Knight called the hearing a witchhunt, and said: "The government has made a political decision to suspend us for another five years and this hearing is a formality. We feel it is not fair to be tried twice for the same thing. We

Ted Knight and 27 other former councillors may face a new ban and have to pay £212,000, writes Peter Victor

are being persecuted." He said it had taken the former councillors five years to raise the original £350,000 surcharge.

The hearing coincided with the government's announcement that Lambeth is to be charge-capped and its annual budget reduced by £15 million, adding to the £25 million of cuts agreed by the council at its charge-setting meeting last month. Both events highlighted the difficulties presently faced by the council's

ruling Labour group following the suspension last week of 13 of its members including Joan Twelves, the leader, John Harrison, her deputy, and Julian Lewis, the chief whip.

The party's ruling National Executive Committee ordered the suspensions after the leadership passed a motion on February 1 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf and condemning all "patriotic and pro-war hysteria" as "blatant racism."

The 13 were also found guilty of organised misconduct and breaches of the party whip. However, Ms Twelves has refused to stand down as leader. The date for a meeting of the Labour group to decide a new leadership group, on the orders of Joyce Gould, the party's director of organisation, is still under negotiation, but town hall insiders

said yesterday that a meeting of the Labour group is set for next Monday. "It's likely that, at that meeting, there will be a motion of confidence in the leadership group and that it will be passed."

A national party spokesman said any such motion would be considered carefully by the NEC and action might be taken against Labour group members backing it. A further report on the activities of the former leadership is to be presented to the NEC on April 22. If it recommends further disciplinary action, this will be decided by the National Constitutional Committee. Possible expulsions from the party recommended by committee could not be ratified until May 24 at the earliest, the local government elections.

## Council expelled for art sale

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

DERBYSHIRE county council has been expelled from the Museums Association, the professional body for curators, in the increasingly acrimonious controversy over the sale of objects from its Buxton Museum and the authority's general cultural policies.

The sale was approved last year to help to make up a £41 million shortfall on the county's education budget.

The first set of objects, a collection of pictures including a painting by L.S. Lowry which alone is expected to raise more than £50,000, will be sold at Bonhams in Knightsbridge next month. The rest of the items, mostly prints and drawings, will be sold later and should bring the total value of the sale to almost £100,000.

The Lowry, *Ironworks*, is easily the most valuable of the

19 objects. The others include three Rembrandt prints, a Goya reproduction, copies of works by Stubbs and Diirer and some china.

Derbyshire is the first member to be expelled since the association was founded in 1889. Max Hebditch, its president, said: "The association has been appalled by Derbyshire's behaviour. Local authorities must understand that this sort of cultural asset-stripping for short-term expediency is a betrayal of the trust of local inhabitants."

Bonhams have been threatened with a boycott by the Midlands Federation of Museums and Art Galleries for having taken on the sale. Stuart Smith, federation president and director of the Ironbridge Gorge museum, wrote to the auctioneers last week: "The feelings of mu-

seum professionals across the country are running high and are repeatedly expressed at meetings criticising Derbyshire's short-term expediency at the cost of the nation's heritage."

He urged them to reconsider their decision to act for Derbyshire, but Paul Whitfield, joint deputy chairman of Bonhams, said that the sale was legal and would go ahead.

Derbyshire, which has also cancelled music teaching and the county museums' education programme in its cost cutting, is also under attack for its arts funding policy.

The East Midlands Arts Association has written to the council urging it to reconsider the decision to cancel its £276,000 arts budget when it next meets on April 10. Fourteen arts projects face closure.

## Links with overseas to beat crime

BRITAIN'S national criminal intelligence service, due to start work next year, will have a direct link with foreign police forces, a London conference of Interpol members heard yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

The 19 British police officers assigned to liaise with the international police organisation would work alongside members of the new unit, Peter Lloyd, the junior Home Office minister, said.

He told the conference that while the service was being launched primarily to improve the detection of crimes committed in Britain there would also be benefits for police overseas. In recognition of this, it had been decided that the so-called national central bureau - the Interpol liaison office in Britain - would be placed within the headquarters of the criminal intelligence service.

Mr Lloyd said that Interpol often encountered misunderstanding or even a total lack of understanding of its purpose. In spite of this, the organisation, based in Lyons in France, had become more effective in recent years and had helped to bring to justice numerous criminals who had tried to hide overseas.

Legislation passed recently at Westminster would further reduce the chances of criminals evading prosecution by making it easier for offenders to be extradited from Britain and for police and prosecutors in different countries to help one another.

## Urgent review for prison Aids policy

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

RULES that allow prison officers to be told about inmates suffering from the Aids virus are being urgently reviewed by the Home Office in response to the Woolf report's fierce criticism of the department's handling of HIV-infected prisoners.

The review was made known yesterday by Rosemary Woolf, head of the prison medical service, in an open letter about the service's policy on Aids. She disclosed that seven prisoners had died from Aids since March 1985 and that anonymous tests might be conducted to establish more precisely how many inmates had the virus or Aids.

Penal reformers and Aids charities believe the review may persuade the Home Office to scrap the regulations. Mrs Woolf strongly denied claims that prisoners with HIV or Aids were badly cared for and said the prison service had a clear policy on Aids

designed to prevent inmates catching the virus and to provide support for those who were infected. She accepted that rules governing the disclosure of the identity of HIV-infected prisoners and their subsequent treatment needed to be looked at again.

In his report on last year's jail riots, Lord Justice Woolf called for the abolition of the practice of prisoners known to have HIV being placed on a rule called viral infectivity restriction (VIR). Under the regulation, the identity of prisoners with HIV is revealed to staff on a need-to-know basis and they can be prevented from sharing cells with uninfected prisoners and excluded from certain types of work.

The judge said the practical effect of the rule was that many HIV-infected inmates were segregated in conditions that, in some cases, were a "travesty of justice". The judge accepted the argument of penal reformers that such treatment was likely to discourage prisoners from disclosing that they had the virus.

Mrs Woolf said ministers remained adamantly opposed to prisoners being supplied with free condoms. Ministers believed such a move would amount to condoning illegality as homosexual intercourse was legal only between consenting adults in private. "It seems highly unlikely that conditions of privacy can be said to exist in prisons."



Woolf: called for change in prison practice

## America 'testing nuclear powered rocket'

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON AND NIGEL HAWKES

THE Pentagon is secretly developing a nuclear-powered rocket capable of hauling big satellites or weapons in space. Researchers from Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) programme have already conducted at least one test using nuclear fuel in a laboratory in New Mexico, according to documents obtained by American newspapers, although the rocket probably years from completion.

The engines of the proposed rocket would be more powerful than any currently used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa).

The project was disclosed yesterday by the Federation of American Scientists, a pro-Washington-based group posed to SDI. Ste Aftergood, an analyst with organisation, estimated the design effort had been running for several years had already cost the defence department several million dollars. He accused the government of taking advantage of secrecy laws to test a project involving "questionable safety practices" a waste of taxpayers' money.

Nasa has also been studying nuclear-powered rockets which it sees as the feasible option for long-space exploration. A group under Thomas Sta a former Apollo astronaut expected to produce a report within a month recommending that nuclear propulsion systems be developed for missions to Mars and the further reaches of the system.

The group, convened Nasa at the request of White House, is under pressure to come up with possible ways of reducing Mars, all of which are nuclear propulsion.

Mr Aftergood said the Pentagon was considering test flight of the proposed rocket over the remote regions in arctic. He added that National Laboratories concluded that it faced in 2,325 risk of crash New Zealand, but it accident during take-off pose a significant radiation threat to Earth.

Official documents that ground tests for the have been set at a government nuclear test site in the Nevada desert.

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## Taxi driver is murder in Ulster

A taxi driver was murdered beside his bus car yesterday near the L. Glencarn estate on its skirts of Belfast.

Samuel Bell, who was mid-50s and lived in Belfast, had been shot head and his body had partially buried. Mr Bell, a Protestant who had converted to Catholicism, last seen his firm on Tuesday, when he took a fare 1 Broadway, which link Catholic Falls Road with Loyalist village district.

Police believe a Protestant gang was responsible, as it the third such murder the IRA killed a Protestant taxi driver last year.

## Forth fall

A steel erector who fell the 170ft north tower of Forth Bridge and go hold of a 15-inch girder plunging 30ft was rescued in the Dunfermline and Fife hospital last night. Hodgson, aged 22, of 1 field, Nottinghamshire, aged to clinging to the 140ft above the water he was rescued. He is suffering from a broken jaw, bruises.

## Sabbath vote

The 48,000 electors of Castleburgh district in E will vote today on when council-owned leisure facilities should close on Sun. The referendum, which a 25 per cent turnout to the decision valid, costs new £6 million Duns international ice bowl, with EC aid which precludes seven-day operation, at borough's largest swim pool and leisure complex.

By the way, the Times announced a special 10p supplement on Sunday 4th April. It will contain a special feature on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Queen. It will also contain a special feature on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Queen. It will also contain a special feature on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Queen.

We're holding V.A.T down until April 8th. (Pity we don't sell petrol.)

Everything at pre-budget prices, except at the cigarette kiosk.

WOOLWORTHS



## Protesters provide flowers and backing to parents involved in ritual abuse allegations

# Sheriff rebukes the children's panel in Orkney abuse case

By KERRY GILL

THE children's panel that ordered nine Orkney children to be placed in care following allegations of ritual sex abuse was criticised by a sheriff last night for breaching the Social Work (Scotland) Act in its procedures.

David Kelbie, Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands, on the first day of his assessment of evidence, said that the children should have been in attendance during the original hearings and been given the opportunity to refute, or otherwise, any claims

of abuse by their parents. As counsel for the four families at the centre of the allegations called for the panel's procedure to be made null and void, Sheriff Kelbie, sitting at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, intervened. He said: "It seems to be customary to ignore the rules and, if it is, it is high time it stops."

Sheriff Kelbie said that if, for example, a teenage boy had been in attendance at the panel hearing and had made a vehement denial of the allegations, then the panel might not

have granted a warrant ordering the child to be kept in care. He said that, under such circumstances, the panel would have had to make further enquiries immediately about the evidence that it had heard.

Lynda Clark, QC, said that the panel members thought that they had the power to exclude the children. It had not been a deliberate flouting of the law. On March 5, the panel ordered the children to be kept in care for 21 days.

That order was extended for a further 21 days on March 25, again without the children being present. They have been kept on the Scottish mainland since their seizure on February 27.

The criticism came as a boost for the four families and their supporters, who have continually claimed that the Orkney social work department and the children's panel have either broken rules governing child care procedures or ignored Scottish Office guidelines.

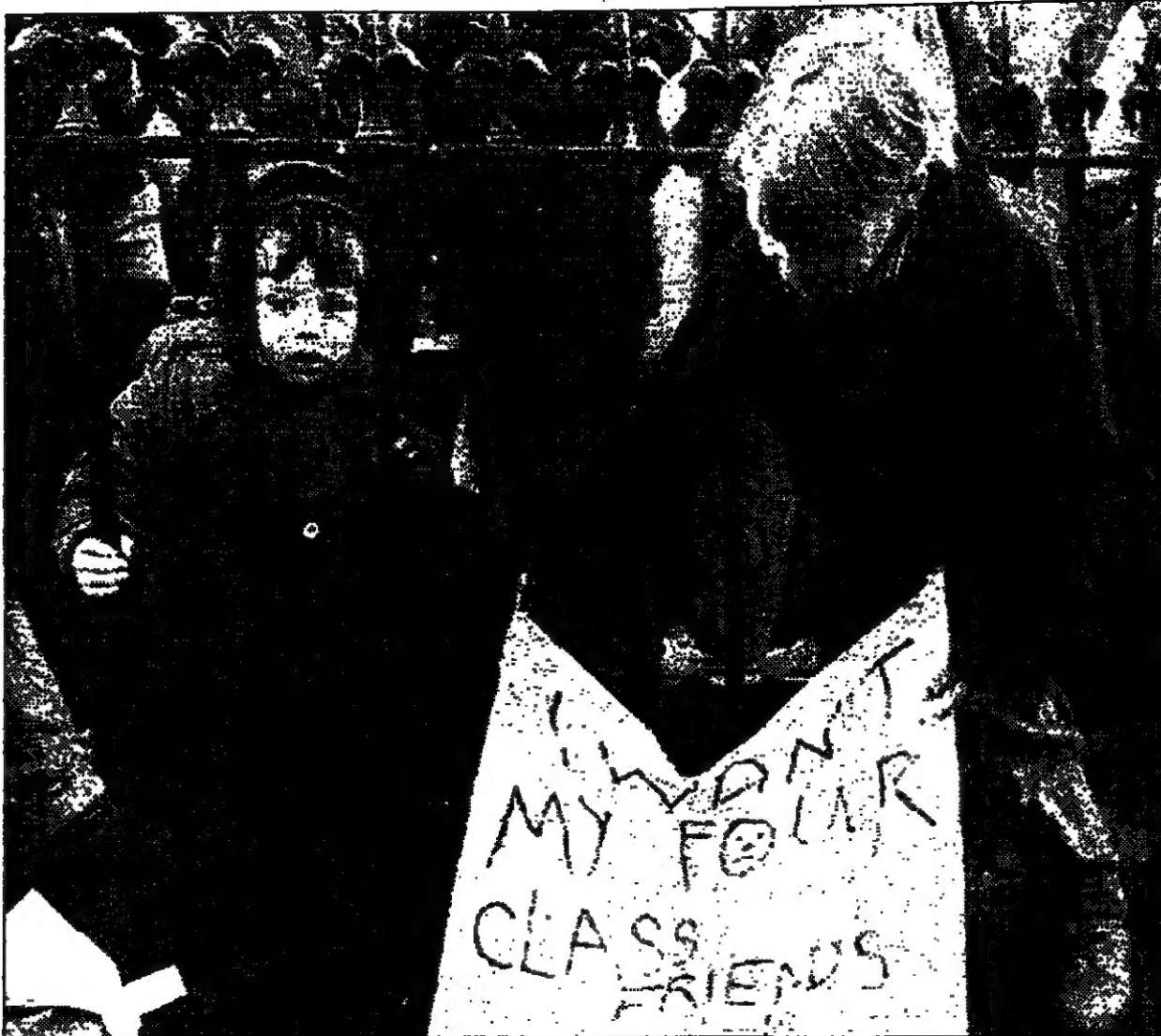
Sheriff Kelbie is to rule on legal submissions today, although the case is to continue in Inverness on Monday, when the parents will meet their children for the first time since they were taken away.

The children will first be interviewed by the sheriff alone in chambers at the town's sheriff court. Sheriff Kelbie said: "The children and parents have been apart for a very long period and the prospect of an emotional reunion might not be in the interests of the children."

He said it would proper for him to see the children first, in case their attention was focused on their parents rather than the initial discussion. Afterwards, however, he is expected to hear their evidence with the parents in attendance at the court.

Legal aid is to be given to the parents, and is expected to cover their travel costs to the mainland by air. Yesterday, Sheriff Kelbie decided to open his judicial assessment of evidence to the press after some members made a request in writing.

The four families, some in tears, arrived at the court amid crowds of supporters, who handed the mothers bunches of daffodils. Others stood outside holding banners which said: "Who has the courage to stop this cruelty?" No evidence was heard during



Orkney vigil: Children outside Kirkwall Sheriff Court for the first day of proceedings into the abuse allegations

the first day of the hearing; only legal debate that culminated with Sheriff Kelbie's criticism of the children's panel. The press and public have no statutory right to attend the hearing and would not normally have been

allowed inside the court, where 19 counsel and four solicitors sit in front of the judge. The families sit behind their legal representatives. Sheriff Kelbie said that the parents and their representatives were happy to have

the press in attendance, although he gave warning that any identification of the families or children would mean the privilege being withdrawn. No press would be permitted to be present when the children gave evidence. Re-

porters were told not to try to read any documents in the court. If they did so, they would be in contempt. The hearing continues today.

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## Couple in court after death of child

A CHILD aged 23 months died after he received injuries including 60 bruises, broken bones and a cigarette burn, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The boy was punched in the stomach on a number of occasions, Michael Stuart-Moore, QC, for the prosecution, said. The fatal blow to his abdomen appeared to have reopened an earlier injury and led to his death.

The child's mother, aged 26, and her boyfriend, aged 19, of Richmond, upon Thames, Surrey, deny cruelty between March 1 and July 25 last year. They cannot be named as the woman's two other children, a girl aged five and a boy aged three, are subject to ward of court proceedings.

Mr Stuart-Moore said the couple had lived together for some months and had a stormy relationship. On July 24 an ambulance was called to their home to take the child to hospital. He died in spite of the efforts of the ambulance crew and hospital.

"The doctor noted extensive injuries covering his body from head to toe. Bruises were spread over his head, ears, cheek, arms, hands, back, abdomen, legs and feet. X-rays revealed other injuries. Ribs had been broken in two places," Mr Stuart-Moore said.

The couple had never delegated the task of looking after the child, he said. They could not have failed to see his condition, which must have been deplorable and sad. The hearing was adjourned until today.

## Support grows for island families

THE enormity of the allegations levelled against the four families, that their children had been subjected to ritual sexual abuse at a nearby quarry, left the close-knit community of South Ronaldsay aghast (Kerry Gill writes). Within hours of the children's dawn seizure on February 27 moves were under way to give the parents the support their friends and neighbours felt they deserved.

No one on Orkney's most southerly island could believe that the families, who had all settled there to bring up their children away from the worst influences of modern life, were capable of such crimes.

Two nights later, hundreds of islanders gathered in a community hall in St Margaret's Hope to discuss how best to counter the allegations. Helen Martini, a local doctor, was elected spokeswoman for the hastily formed action committee, which decided that it should try to get the children returned home, force a full judicial enquiry into the social work department's handling of the case, and obtain a review of child care law.

Five weeks later the children are still in care on the Scottish mainland. Support for the parents appears boundless with donations for a fighting fund arriving daily from Britain and abroad. The bulk of the money has come from Quakers shocked that two of their followers should be accused of ritually abusing their children. The parents are to receive legal aid in spite of the financial support given by well-wishers.

Much of the work of the

action committee, based in a private house loaned by a supporter, involves preparing newsletters, answering telephone calls from the press and attempting to find out information about the children's well-being. Demonstrations have been held by islanders outside the children's panel hearings and people have pledged to mount a constant vigil outside the sheriff court until the evidence is completed.

Each of the families has a Queen's Counsel to represent them as well as junior advocates and lawyers. The social work department is also represented by a QC and belatedly appointed a press officer to deal with the huge number of calls from the media seeking information.

The case has had its effect on social workers too. They are being counselled by professionals to alleviate some of the stress. The British Association of Social Workers confirmed that case workers had visited Orkney to offer help.



Helen Martini: the local doctor and spokeswoman

## Assessment to take five weeks

THE judicial assessment of evidence in the Orkney abuse case, which began yesterday, is expected to last for at least five weeks (Kerry Gill writes).

The proceedings had to begin within 28 days of the date when the nine children were taken into care under place of safety orders made by the Orkney children's panel. Sheriff David Kelbie's task is to decide whether those warrants should stand, irrespective of whether criminal charges are brought against any of the parents.

Yesterday, he began by hearing procedural submissions in private from counsel representing the families and the social work department. After a request from some members of the press, Sheriff Kelbie agreed to open the proceedings, emphasising that the

families must not be identified. On Monday the hearing will move to Inverness, on the mainland, where evidence will be taken from the children. That is expected to last for about two weeks, after which Sheriff Kelbie will return to Kirkwall, Orkney, to hear evidence from the social workers, and rebuttals by the parents.

The hearing was split after an application to the Court of Session in Edinburgh by Gordon Sloan, the children's panel reporter, who wanted all of the proceedings to be held on the mainland. He argued that if the proceedings were heard in Orkney the pressures on the children would be unacceptable.

The three judges decided that the hearing should be split between the two towns with the children giving evidence in Inverness.

## Diet study takes step towards prevention of breast cancer

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-FIBRE foods could help to protect some women against breast cancer, according to a preliminary study carried out by American scientists.

The research is a step forward in investigations into the influence of diet on the disease. Although previous studies have shown that high-fat diets can contribute to breast cancer, there is little evidence that fibre has a protective effect.

New work published in an American medical journal today suggests that dietary fibre contains substances that prevent or slow the formation of breast tumours. The findings are confined to research on rats but have implications for breast cancer in humans, according to the scientists.

They report that rats on high-fibre diets developed many fewer breast tumours than rats given little or no fibre. Leonard Cohen, who led the research at the American Health Foundation, said yesterday: "We found that by doubling the

amount of fibre in a diet similar to our Western diet, we could significantly reduce the amount of mammary cancer, down to the level of a low-fat diet.

"The fibre itself contains substances which, when they get into the blood stream, will inhibit the formation of a mammary tumour. By some means that we don't understand, fibre is creating changes in the hormone system that protect against breast cancer," he added.

"The findings suggest that dietary fibre may function as an anti-promoting agent."

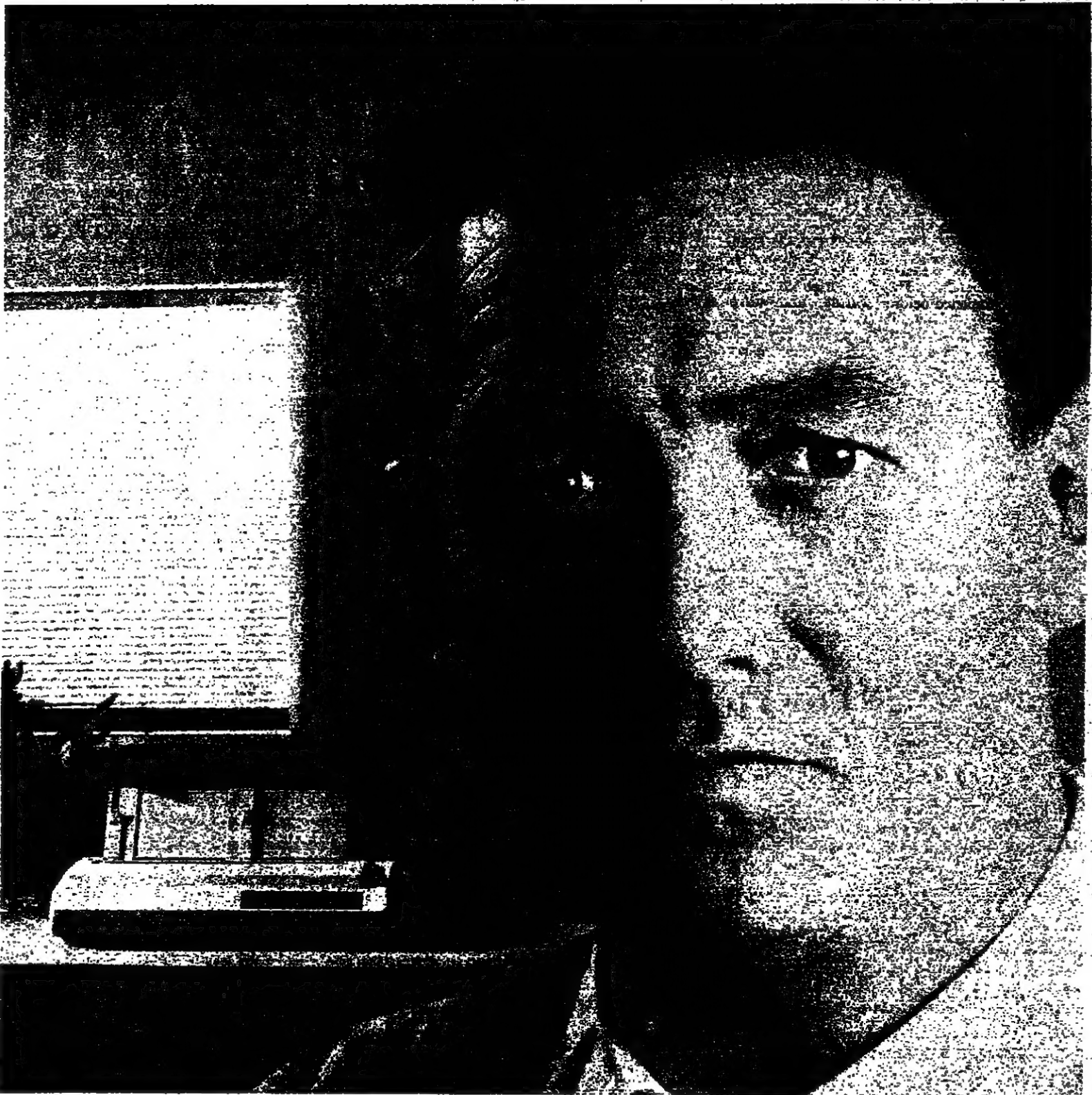
The study, in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, was carried out on four groups of rats in which breast cancer was induced. Each group of 30 rats was given diets containing different levels of corn oil fat and white wheat-bran fibre. After 15 weeks, 90 per cent of the rats on high-fat diets had developed breast cancer, compared with only 47 per cent of those on low-fat, high-fibre diets.

The results were being

studied by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in Britain yesterday. Sir Richard Doll, a consultant at the fund's cancer studies unit in Oxford, said: "We believe it's possible to reduce the risk of all cancers by one third through modifications to diet, such as reducing saturated fats and increasing fruit and vegetable intake. The findings of this study are plausible but need to be reproduced on a wider basis."

The same journal also reports evidence from a study at Wisconsin university that tamoxifen, a drug used successfully to treat breast cancer, can help to prevent the disease. The findings lend support to a ten-year study of 1,500 healthy women in Britain to test the drug's ability to prevent breast cancer. The study is half finished and is showing promising results, according to the organisers at the Royal Marsden hospital, London.

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## Even Peter's diary contains a micro processor.

In the City of London computers seem to do everything but make the tea.

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# Soothing Hain heads for win in Neath poll today

By JOHN WINDER

PETER Hain, prominent exponent of protest politics, particularly against apartheid in the 1970s, should have been elected Labour MP for Neath when polling stations close tonight.

If there are question marks over the by-election in this Welsh valley constituency, they relate to the effect of the weather on the size of the Labour vote and to which contender will be runner-up to Labour. The favourite for that position, judging by an opinion poll taken at the weekend, is Plaid Cymru, and that party is claiming that it could win if it captures enough of the large number of "don't know" votes remaining in canvassing returns yesterday.

Peter Hain, who upset some rugby enthusiasts with his protests against games between South Africa and British teams in the past, said yesterday that his ambition as a family man was to see his son Jake play for England against an all-races South Africa team. It is with such soothing remarks that he has sought, with some success, to woo the rugby vote in the town where the Welsh Rugby Union was founded in 1881.

Yesterday, Mr Hain and Ron Waldron, manager of the troubled Welsh rugby team,



Vote catcher: Dewi Evans, the Plaid Cymru candidate in today's Neath by-election, wooing the "don't knows"

exchanged felicitations for their forthcoming engagements. Peter Hain suggested afterwards that perhaps Mr Waldron was more in need of the good wishes.

Carefully shepherded by Labour MPs and officials in his relations with the press, Mr Hain has proved an active

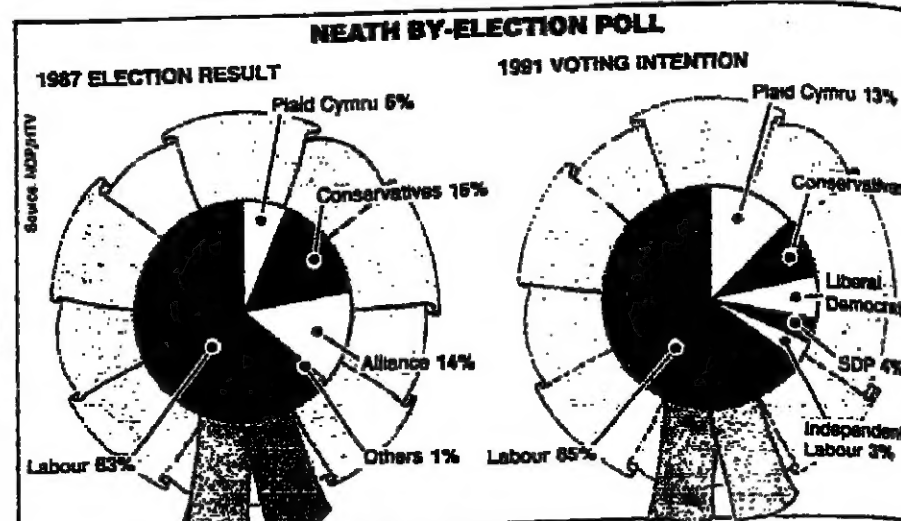
campaigner and has won the hearts, and, he hopes, the votes, of those he has been able to talk to.

Mr Hain's style in speeches has been surprisingly restrained, compared with his image. His adventures have included a narrow escape from tumbling into one of the

constituency's beauty spots, Aberdulais Falls. He has campaigned hard in spite of poor weather in the past few days, and now must hope that his supporters show a similar disregard of the rain if polling day turns out to be wet.

The only opinion poll of the campaign has shown Mr Hain

to have 65 per cent of the vote among those declaring their intentions, with Plaid Cymru a clear second on 13 per cent. Both parties will expect to benefit from the disclosure that 67 per cent of those polled also want a Welsh assembly—a stark contrast with the 19 per cent of West Glamorgan vot-



WELSH/SCOTS BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Date	Place	Con	Lab	Lib Dem/SLD/SDP	Welsh/Scot Nat	Green
10.11.88	Govan	-4.6	-27.9	-8.2	+38.4 (SNP)	1.2
23.02.89	Pontypridd	-8.0	-2.5	-11.3	+20.0 (PC)	2.0
04.04.89	Vale of Glam	-10.5	+14.2	-10.2	+1.7	2.9
15.06.89	Glasgow Cent	-8.4	-9.9	-8.0	+20.2	4.0
29.11.90	Paisley N	-1.0	-11.5	-7.5	+13.5	3.0
29.11.90	Paisley S	-1.3	-10.1	-6.5	+13.5	3.0
20.04.91	Neath	-4.0	+2.0	-4.0	+7.0 (PC)	3.0

1=NOPTV prediction. 2=Did not stand at previous election

ers who supported an assembly in the 1979 referendum. Dewi Evans, the Plaid Cymru candidate, sees this as a two-horse race and claimed yesterday that he was catching up on Labour. Indeed, he now sees Neath as winnable on the basis of canvassing returns and dismisses the NOP opin-

ion poll as "a rogue". He says that if a third of the "don't know" vote for him, they would turn his 13 per cent into a majority over Labour. Dafydd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP, sounded a warning note when he said that Neath people were so polite that there was a risk of being beguiled by their statement of intent, but he did detect a shift of opinion towards his party.

John Warman, a local councillor, began his final day's campaigning for the Social Democrats with a glass of champagne and a birthday cake to mark the tenth anniversary of the formation of the local SDP and to show that "the flames of social democracy are still burning bright in Neath". By all accounts, including even those of some opponents, Mr Warman is a good councillor and should attract more votes than others who might use the SDP label now.

The Conservatives still talk of winning today. Richard Evans, the Tory candidate, will be an excellent MP, Chris Patten, the party chairman said. Mr Evans said that it would be a tragedy if Neath

elects Mr Hain, whose extremist views would stay sealed until he became an MP. Yesterday, Mr Evans's telephone call of support, Margaret Thatcher, but quick to say that that did mean that he was on her of the party. He was sin

The candidates: Peter (Lab); Dewi Evans (Plaid Cymru); Richard Evans (Lib Dem); Warman (Social Dem); David Sutch (Official & Raving Loony Party); Ben (Captain Beatty); Rhys (Local Ind Lab). General election: Coleman (Lab) 27,612; Howe (Con) 7,034; Warman (SDP) 6,132; John (Plaid Cymru) 2,773 (Lab maj)

loyal Conservative introduced a letter of support for John Major to prove it. The Liberal Demos pinning their hopes on a surge of support from voters who have not yet left their party. David Llo candidate, said: "We of our work at the last and people who make minds at the last minute up their minds for us."

## Patten strikes back at questions evidence

LABOUR shadow cabinet members, including Roy H. and Brian Gould, were accused by the Conservatives of being almost as rude in public about John Major as they were in private about Neil Kinnock (John Winder writes).

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, predicted Hattersley's by-election attack on the prime minister's first of many. Speaking at Neath, Mr Patten said: "I am terrified of the overwhelming evidence that Mr Major is immensely popular prime minister who is trusted by the because of his transparent honesty and his intelligent authoritative leadership."

## Parasite harnessed to trace pollution

By MICHAEL HORNSBY  
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS working for the National Rivers Authority are using "biological fingerprinting" to trace farms that pollute underground water. The technique is being pioneered in Cumbria and north Lancashire where seepage from silage stores through porous limestone rock is causing concern.

Widely used to feed cattle during the winter, silage is grass that has been cut when still green and then allowed to ferment. Liquor from a typical 400-ton silage store is estimated to have the same pollution potential as a day's untreated sewage from a town of 150,000 people.

Les Hughes, the regional pollution control manager, said: "If there are cracks in the floor or walls of the silage store, the liquor can filter through the limestone into underground water and then reappear in springs and streams many miles away. We have developed a biological tracer which enables us to mark a particular discharge so that it can be traced back to the farm of origin."

The tracer, a harmless parasitic micro-organism, is introduced into silage on suspect farms, a different strain being used for each. The organism colonises the bacteria in the silage. The strain that shows up in laboratory analysis of water from the polluted river or stream will then pinpoint the guilty farm. Last year there were 42 reported cases of silage pollution in the area.

Mr Hughes said: "We are sending out letters to all farmers in the region warning them of the need to check their silage stores before the next cutting season starts around the end of April and beginning of May, and reminding them that they can face fines of up to £20,000 if convicted in a magistrates' court under the new Environmental Protection Act."

## Survey shows G dislike contract

By JILL SHERMAN  
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ONLY 18 per cent of doctors are in favour of a new contract introduced months ago, according to a survey published today. The report in *Doctors* magazine, which questioned doctors, showed that the number of GPs supporting performance-related contracts had risen by only 6 p since a similar survey in April.

However, 40 per cent of doctors said that they opt to stay with the contract if it was modified. They said that they prefer to go back to a contract, and a fifth would for a salaried service.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm for the new contract, which relates bonus payments to meeting screening for cervical cancer and hood immunisation, the practices have chosen to meet the new deal. Nearly 75 per cent of GPs now have a practice with 88 per cent employ more than nine out of running health professionals.

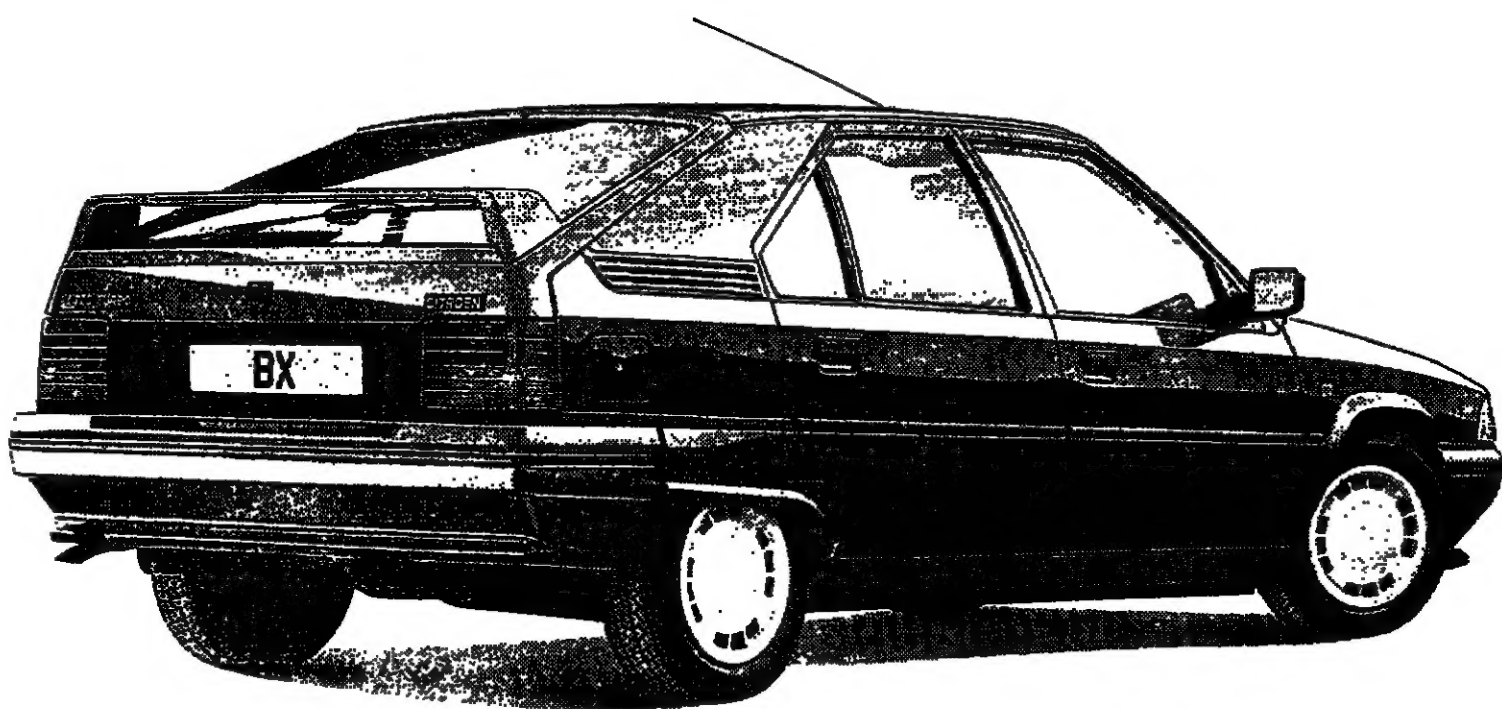
□ Nurses yesterday television producers broadcasters for the "angels" image. The College of Nursing, or its 75th anniversary the media did not see nurses as professionals.

A survey of 50 broad decision-makers show soap operas and comedies programmes were seriously date in portraying nurses were seen as low employees, only value grassroots interviews or such as pay and hardship.

Only 10 per cent of casters surveyed had nurses' opinions about health service reforms.

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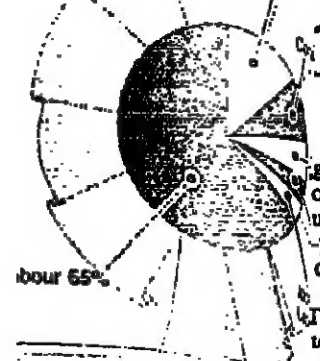
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## Eggar says new tests are user-friendly but not the last word

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

government is prepared consider and simplify the natory testing of all year-olds under the nat- curriculum if this sum- tests prove unmanage- Jim Eggar, the education ter, promised yesterday. Eggar said the tests, will begin in 20,000 is within two weeks, are derably simpler than pi- nts used last year. He told annual assembly of the Sent Masters and Mis- Association: "The tests simpler and more use- ly but I would not claim he tests for 1991 are the board. any teachers have been daunted by their first of this year's tests and accompanying instruc- but the point is that this

## No-strike deal is offered by union

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

leader of the second fast teaching union yes- day held out the prospect of a no-strike deal if the govern- established an indepen- pay review body for tea- and agreed to be bound by its recommendations. Nigel de Gruchy, general tary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teach- made his offer after dele- at the union's annual conference in Bournemouth. He rejected the govern- ment's pro- for a staged pay rise of per cent for classroom chers. They also rejected posed new pay negotiating cabinery because of the ment of discretion left to education secretary, who d still have the final say. Gruchy said that his

linked with compulsory appraisal. The teacher unions, however, have said they would oppose the appraisal if it was directly linked with pay. "A good appraisal system is bound in the long run to influence awards of extra increments," Mr Eggar said. In the short term there would be no link with pay. The main purpose of appraisal was to help the professional development of the entire teaching force. Mr Eggar criticised the extremists in the National Union of Teachers who earlier this week called for a boycott of the tests and a campaign of non-co-operation with appraisals. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose members voted to oppose appraisal in its present form, said: "We want appraisal to be built in before you are allowed to teach and then closer monitoring to be reflected in higher pay scales."



Looking good: two men keep their eyes glued to their papers yesterday as a Bellville Sassoon creation is modelled in London. The designer hopes the dress will turn heads at the New York Fashion Week starting next Thursday, where five British designers will exhibit their work

## Scientist questions funds evidence

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TISH science is experi- ing a gradual privatisation er than falling into de- e, according to a Cam- ge scientist. Terence ley believes that evidence to support claims that the ity or quantity of research chining or that total funds lable have been cut. Kealey, of the depart- t of clinical biochemistry ambridge, who is noted as itic of the prophecies of n issued by Save British nce, says in the journal ore that industrial and cal charity support for ce has doubled in the past ears, with medical char- now outspending the ical Research Council. a result, universities nded from 40,246 staff in -7 to 47,038 in 1986-7, as tenured staff more than led, making up for a fall enured staff. Dr Kealey "It is these non-tenured [post-doctoral research ers and others on short- contracts] who have, in part, responsible for continued growth of Bri- tience," he says. Kealey also questions bibliometric evidence by those who suggest that sh science is declining. es based on the numbers pers appearing in science als are flawed, he says, use they take no account e appearance of new jour- over the period of study, ose who predicted de-



Kealey: a critic of prophecies of doom for science research

## Professor brings the JFO down to earth

IDENTIFIED flying ob- s are bunk, a physicist n the Queen's Univer- Belfast told a meeting of Royal Astronomical iety in Armagh last night gel Hawkes writes). ohn Earnshaw said that per cent of all UFO stings could easily be lained. Some were astro- nical objects such as the on, Venus, meteors, at- spheric effects like rain- s, halos around the Sun Moon, and mirages. craft and weather bal- ns were also culprits. he other 10 per cent of ervations, he said, fell o three categories: xes; things that people t remember properly; l uncommon natural nomena. There was no d to invent beings from

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## Repair cash for cathedrals criticised as inadequate

By GLENN GLENN, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A government scheme to provide urgent repairs to cathedrals will provide only a fraction of the money needed, claimed yesterday. The Rev. Canon John, the Very Rev. Canon, described the £10m to be spent over three years as a "drop in the ocean".

According to one recent survey, British cathedrals will need at least £100m in essential repairs over the next five years. All England's 61 cathedrals are running a grant scheme was announced yesterday at Chichester cathedral where a number of Catholic bishops are expected to be the subject of early discussions with English Her-

## Police free terror detainees

People detained under the Terrorism Act, being arrested in the Dyfed, on Sunday, yesterday released.

Five, four of whom were held at Paddy Green police station, after being arrested disarmed from a car in Ireland. German officials in London had been told that they were released "with conditions".

## Accused

Allegations of were made by members of the public against officers in Strathclyde, plus 180 complaints of undue harassment.

## Bus returns

Eds of people lined the Portsmouth harbour to welcome back the Fleet Auxiliary supply ship, Britain's floating during the Gulf war.

## Monia anger

Living near the £3 Bird's Eye Walls fac-Grimsby, Humberside, ammonia plant closed or leaks in five months.

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Dharamsey, aged 33, the collapsed football firm Santana was yesterday remanded on bail by one magistrate until on four fraud charges.

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## Cellular phone users report frustrations

By PAUL WILKINSON

ANIES manufacturing supplying cellular tele- are criticised today for gh costs, poor service reasonable contracts.

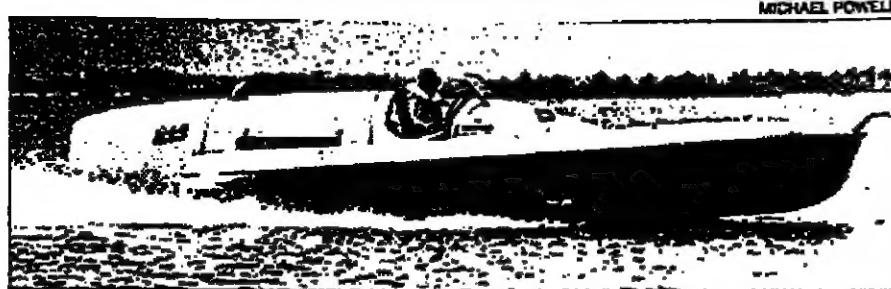
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Shipspace: Paul Foulkes-Halbard puts a finishing touch to a restored Bluebird



Malcolm Campbell setting his world speed record on Lake Maggiore in 1937

## Record-breaking Bluebird set for return to the water

SIR Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird hydroplane is soon to take to the water for the first time since breaking the world water speed record at Lake Maggiore in 1937 and its even faster 130.94mph sprint across Lake Hailu, Switzerland, the following year. Restoration of the Bluebird K3 is almost complete and hopes are that it will be ready to take part in a display off Bexhill, East Sussex, on May 4.

The vessel has led a chequered career since its days of glory in the 1930s. It was damaged by bombs during the second world war, partially dismantled for its engine and mechanical parts, put on display in a theme park, and largely neglected in the intervening years. In the mid-1980s the hull was discovered by Paul Foulkes-Halbard, a collector of veteran and vintage cars, and reunited with the original R-type V12 Rolls-Royce engine that drove the boat in 1937-8.

Since then it has been lovingly restored at a large workshop at Filching Manor, between Wannock and Jevington, East Sussex. Stimulated by a promise he made at the 1990 Festival of Motoring at Bexhill, Mr Foulkes-Halbard and his staff have been working round the clock, seven days a week, to have it

ready for its first appearance in public at the Bexhill One Hundred on May 4.

When the boat was surveyed most of the original complex wooden framework was found to be in good condition but many of its metal parts and wooden reinforcements, having become corroded and warped during years of neglect, have had to be replaced. Although the original R-type engine is available, it will not be risked in action as it is one of only four left in the world. Instead the boat will be powered by a smaller Rolls-Royce V12 engine.

If sea conditions are suitable and everything is in order on the day, Mr Foulkes-Halbard will take the helm for Bluebird K3's Bexhill outing. "When you sit behind the same wheel as Malcolm Campbell did, you really do understand the sort of heritage that he created for British endeavour all those years ago," he said. "And in the restoration of this Bluebird, helped by so many helping hands and in the provision of the right advice and materials by willing enthusiasts, I have begun to comprehend just what the Campbells went through in their pursuit of speed and power."

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# Fisherman Bush keeps silent on the plight of insurgents



At a distance: George Bush far from the plight of the Kurds

AS PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's forces crushed the Kurdish uprising in northern Iraq this week, the man who encouraged the Iraqi people to "take matters into their own hands" has been fishing off the Florida keys. President Bush caught few bonefish, but all those hours on the water served a very useful purpose. They enabled him to avoid debate on his refusal to help the rebels.

Rarely has the normally loquacious Mr Bush stayed so silent for so long. He has not held court with reporters since March 23. Their occasional shouted questions at the beginning or end of fishing trips have received only the tersest of replies. Asked about Senator George Mitchell's remark that the United States should at least shoot down Iraqi helicopter gunships, Mr Bush

remarked: "I'm always glad to hear his advice."

The president has not been alone in his silence. Neither the vice-president, Dan Quayle, the Secretary of State, James Baker, the defence secretary, Richard Cheney, nor any other of the administration's top officials have publicly explained — or sought to justify — Washington's policy of non-intervention. It was first announced by spokesmen, and such defence as there has been since then has also been by spokesmen.

As outrage has grown in Europe, the administration's strategy at home has been to stifle debate on a policy with which few feel comfortable but to which there is no very palatable alternative. "Engaging on this issue gains us nothing," one anonymous official told *The Wash-*

The Bush administration, determined to avoid being sucked into Iraq's civil war, is trying to ignore Europe's outrage over US inactivity, Martin Fletcher reports

ington Post yesterday. Another said: "This is not a crusade. It is a somewhat painful acceptance of a certain reality. You manage it in as low-key way as possible and hope you get through it."

For reasons of their own, the Democrats have largely aided and abetted the administration in this strategy. Having opposed the Gulf war in the first place, it is now hard for them to argue convincingly for military intervention in Iraq and they hesitate to cross a president at the height of his popularity. Moreover, the American people are still in

yellow-ribbon mood, savouring the taste of victory, wallowing in sentiment as their troops return. The last thing they want to hear is that fighting should resume. The congressional recess has given the Democrats the perfect excuse for silence and they have gratefully fled to the hills.

The only voices publicly criticising the administration have been those of newspaper columnists and a few Middle East scholars, and they have pulled no punches. From right and left they have condemned Mr Bush for his "betrayal" and "sell-out" of the

Kurds, for his return to "Realpolitik" while promising a "new world order", for his "cynical, misguided and ill-informed" abandonment of the Iraqi opposition. But they are discovering that they cannot inspire a national debate in a vacuum. The administration will not play.

The White House swiftly slapped down General Norman Schwarzkopf when he stepped out of line last week. Asked about the latest broadside from the conservative columnist, William Safire, headlined "Bush's Moral Crisis", a State Department spokesman retorted: "Our policy is decided on the basis of what we think is in the best interest of the US and what the president decides to do, not on the basis of columnists."

The American media have given wide coverage to the plight

of Kurdish and Shia rebels in civilians, but few Americans are aware of the strength of European feeling about the need to stop the slaughter. Earlier this week, Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman, described the suppression of the rebels as "appalling", "tragic" and "heart wrenching" but, as she went on to point out, there was little agitation from the Arab can public.

Ms Tutwiler denied Mr Bush had ever asked the Iraqi people "to put their lives on the line" in overthrowing Saddam, a comment on February 1. "There's another way for bloodshed to stop and that is the Iraqi people to take matters into their own hands and for Saddam Hussein, the dictator, step down."

## Kurds accuse Iraq of using napalm on fleeing civilians

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A KURDISH spokesman claimed last night that hundreds of thousands of defenceless Kurdish civilians fleeing along mountain roads to the Iranian and Turkish borders face death as Iraqi government forces use napalm and phosphorous bombs to ensure that the Kurds never again have the means, or the will, to challenge President Saddam Hussein.

The claim was denied by Iraq radio, which said the insurrection had been put down and appealed to all those who left their homes to return and live in peace. "Citizens in the cities and the areas where law and order have been re-established need not worry about their lives, property and legal rights," it said. "We call on those who have left their homes in the northern cities and villages to

return to live in peace and share the victory and security with everyone else."

But Latif Rashid, a spokesman for the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, a coalition of the main opposition groups, said: "People are being killed every second. Hundreds of bodies are littering the hills of Kurdistan." Helicopter gunships were strafing the convoys, up to 70 miles long, and phosphorous and napalm bombs were being fired by long-range artillery, he said. He appealed for urgent help from the United States and allies to "prevent this genocide".

International relief agencies said two to three million Kurdish refugees, who were fleeing reprisals from Saddam's forces, faced a "catastrophe". Hospitals in the mountains were said to be overflowing with wounded

and were desperately short of medicine. One hospital alone had carried out 1,800 operations in a week. Most hospitals are rudimentary, ill-equipped field outfits hurriedly set up by guerrillas. Relief workers confirmed that many people were suffering from phosphorous burns.

Twenty thousand vehicles packed with Kurdish refugees were reported to be waiting at the Iranian border, having been refused access and under attack by Iraqi government forces. Thousands of Shia Muslim refugees, however, were apparently being allowed to cross into Iran. The Iranian news agency claimed rebels were still fighting government forces in the southern cities of Basra and Tanuma.

Mr Rashid estimated that 80 per cent of the people had fled the main Kurdish cities, turning them into ghost towns. Government forces were still flying fixed-wing aircraft despite Baghdad's provisional ceasefire agreement with the allied forces, Mr Rashid said. Kurds dreaded the permanent ceasefire resolution due to be voted on at the United Nations last night because "it will give Saddam Hussein a free hand to slaughter the Iraqi people".

As fears for Kurdish civilians grew, the Iraqi news agency claimed government forces had captured Sulaymaniyah, the last northern town in rebel hands. "Our Kurdish people received our soldiers with cries of joy and cheers for Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein," the agency said. "The saboteurs and traitors escaped to the mountains."

If confirmed, the loss of Sulaymaniyah, near the Iranian border, is a symbolic and a strategic blow to the Kurdish rebels. It was the first town to rise and the last to fall in numerous previous rebellions and was the home town of the legendary Kurdish leader, Mustafa Barzani, whose son Masoud heads the Kurdish Democratic Party.

"We want fair treatment," Mr Rashid said. "The allies sent half a million troops to protect at the most 600,000 Kurds. Now they stand by as four million Kurds are in grave danger."

But one Iraqi opposition leader insisted the revolt was not over and Saddam would soon be toppled in an army coup. "The rebellion has been momentarily halted, not crushed. Eighteen million Iraqis hate Saddam Hussein, even as we speak, there could be a coup against him," said Saad Jabr, leader of the small, London-based Free Iraq Council.

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The nine-page text of the motion before the security council, the longest and most complex in the council's history, ignored the plight of the Kurds.

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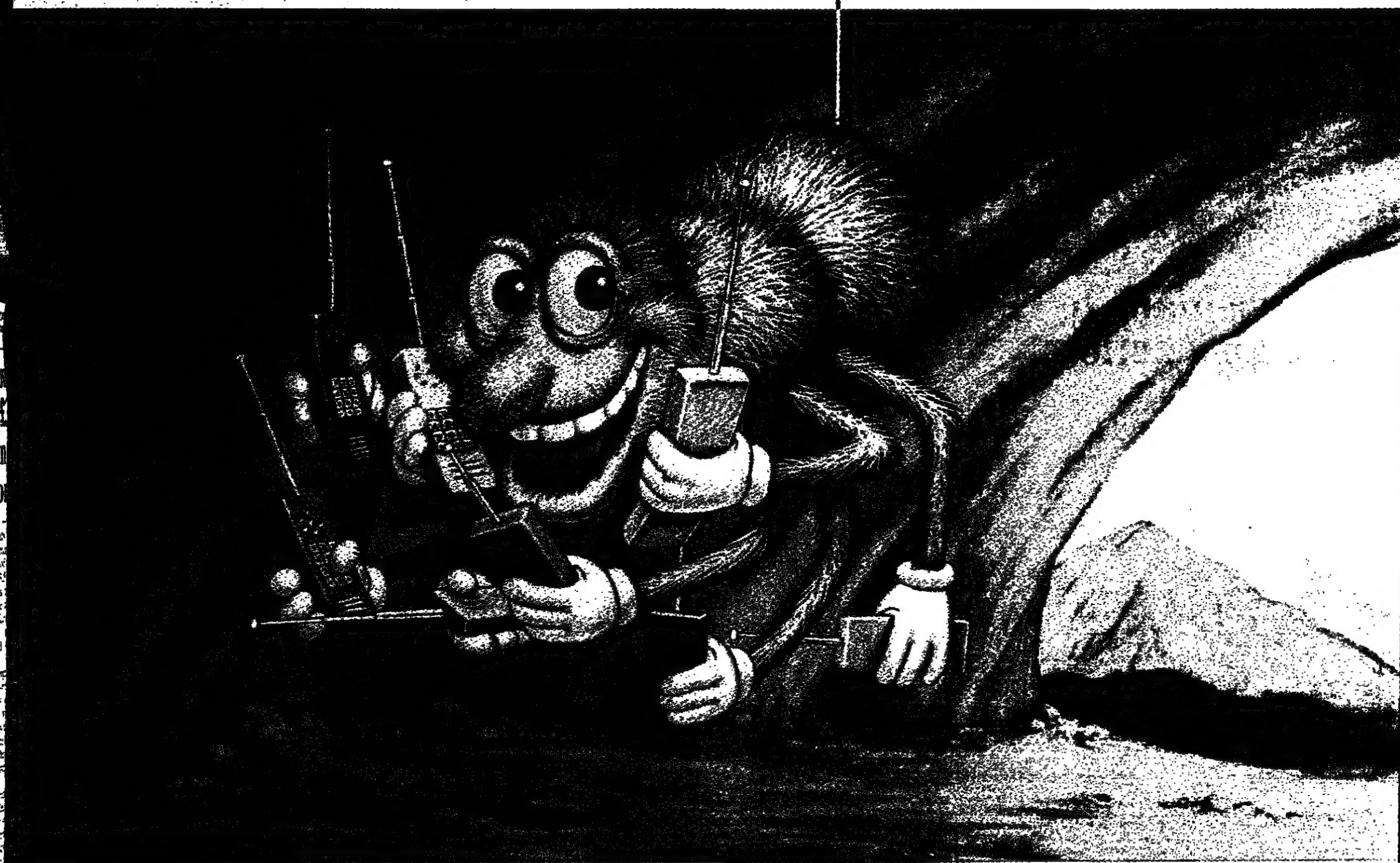
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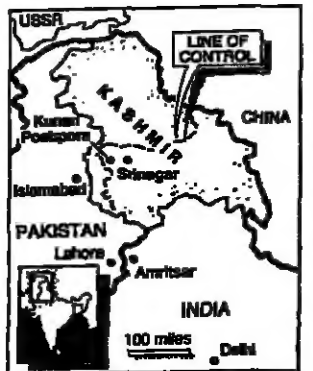
## Kashmiri villagers tell of gang-rapes by Indian soldiers

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KUNAN POSHPORA

AT THE age of 80, Jana was the oldest to be raped the night the Indian army went berserk in Kunan Poshpora. "They kicked in the door at midnight. They stayed for eight hours. They were drunk," she said.

Frail and bent, she showed the smashed windows and broken door of her tin-roofed hut, and pointed out the mud floor where she and her daughter-in-law were gang-raped in a small room. "There were so many of them. So many soldiers."

The youngest victim was Misra, aged 13. She was raped in the family's thatched hut. Her sister, Nascema, aged 18,



was gang-raped in an adjoining room. So was their mother, Zaba, a widow.

The history of atrocities seems endless. Men told of being thrown into freezing ponds, of being beaten and subjected to electric shock treatment. One man said he was tied upside down by his feet. Somebody pointed out a bloodstain on the floor of a house used as a makeshift interrogation centre.

The Kashmir state government says false allegations of multiple rapes and other atrocities by Indian troops on the night of February 23 were made under pressure from armed Kashmiri militants. However, that the rapes happened is beyond question. In

two years of worsening repression in the valley, what happened in Kunan Poshpora is seen as the greatest single atrocity by security forces.

Perhaps the village, population 1,000, was chosen because of its isolation, deep in the mountains and close to the sensitive boundary that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan. It certainly took a long time for news to seep out. Until this week the village was cut off by snow, but 72 hours of torrential rain had cleared one winding road to the village.

The soldiers gang-raped at least 53 women while the men were locked in houses and interrogated. In the end, nobody was arrested. No weapons or seditious literature were apparently found. The senior officer at the nearest police station, in the small town of Trehgam, Sub-Inspector Bashir Ahmed, said investigations had been taken out of local control. Although reluctant to talk about the affair, and noting that he had taken up his post only two days earlier following his predecessor's sudden transfer, he said: "To some extent we are satisfied that rapes took place."

The unmarried girls of Kunan Poshpora will suffer the most in the long-term from being raped. Zaba said she would now be unable to find good husbands for her two abused daughters. "What man will want them?" she said. "Who will marry them now, other than low class men? They will never get a good match."

The military and paramilitary presence in the Kashmir countryside is great. At night, convoys of 40 to 50 Jeeps and lorries rumble along narrow, crumbling roads, on their way to some sleeping village in the ceaseless search for militants. The alienation of the valley from India seems to be com-

plete. In a very real sense, India has lost this part of Kashmir. The will to continue the fight appears to have hardened from six months ago, despite a gruelling winter and visibly greater poverty compared with last summer.

Mufti Behaud-din Farooqi, the former chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir, visited Kunan Poshpora recently after trekking through deep snow. Speaking from Srinagar, the state capital, he said it was clear that hundreds of soldiers had entered the village at about 11pm on February 23 and stayed until 8am.

He did not believe any officers had participated in the rapes. But one woman, whose account of her night's ordeal Mr Farooqi taped, told him: "Four jawans (soldiers) used me. They said the officers told them to spend at least five minutes in every bed."

Mr Farooqi, who has collected 53 testimonies so far from women alleging rape, believes the abuses against women are part of a strategy to break the will of the rebellion against India. "It is a calculated policy. The repression is everywhere. The valley is under martial law. There are no freedoms, no human rights. There is not a functioning judicial system to protect people."

## Briton accused of drugs dealing

From NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

THAI police allege that an Englishman arrested in northern Thailand earlier this week is involved in an international drugs trafficking syndicate operating in four continents.

Mervyn Wallace, aged 37, of Rochester, Kent, was arrested with two Canadians as they were about to begin a journey to Canada. Major-General Bamrung Keirwut, of the Narcotics Suppression Bureau, said that 11 lb of high-grade heroin was seized when they were arrested. If convicted, they could be sentenced to death, although Thailand has never executed a Westerner for a drug-related crime.

Unlike Malaysia, Thailand does not have a mandatory death sentence for serious drugs offences. The usual penalty is life imprisonment, but Westerners can expect to receive royal clemency and be released after they have spent less than ten years in prison.

Mr Wallace, who describes himself as a musician and disc jockey who has promoted well-known performers in Britain, said he had been "set up". He has lived in Thailand for three years. He was charged, with Michael MacNeil, aged 25,



Awaiting trial: Mervyn Wallace, left, Ralph Wilson, centre, and Michael MacNeil, attending a press conference in Bangkok yesterday after they were charged with drug offences. They are expected to appear in court next week.

and Ralph Wilson, aged 41, both from Toronto, with illegal possession of heroin and attempting to smuggle it out of Thailand.

Police said the heroin was concealed in two suitcases and a briefcase with false bottoms. The three men admitted that they owned the baggage but not the contents. They said they would plead not guilty.

The three men are expected to appear in court for the first time next week

when police will ask for them to be remanded in custody. Bail is never given to defendants in serious drugs cases.

The general said the investigations that led to the arrests had started in Athens and then moved to South America, Britain, India, Thailand, the United States and Canada. He claimed that the drugs ring involved smuggling tons of hashish from India and Lebanon and heroin from Thailand.

Mr MacNeil's lavish lifestyle, which included stays in luxury hotels, limousines and first-class air travel, had attracted the investigators' attention.

Narcotics officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had followed Mr MacNeil around much of the world and they were present when the three men were arrested outside their hotel at Chiang-Mai in northern Thailand. The town is close to the transit

routes for opium and heroin traffic from the Golden Triangle area of Burma, Laos and Thailand.

The trial will consist today of Patricia Cahill, Birmingham teenager, has pleaded not guilty charges of attempted heroin trafficking. She is being held in the juvenile court as was only 17 when she was arrested last July. The case is expected to deliver verdict by the end of month.

## Hurd aims to break deadlock on colony

Peking - Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrived here yesterday, determined to break the deadlock between the Chinese and Hong Kong governments over control of the British colony between now and its handover to China in 1997 (Catherine Sampson writes).

He said he hoped his visit would end the "stagnation in discussions on matters concerning Hong Kong". Mr Hurd is the most senior British politician to visit China since the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989.

He hopes to resolve a row over plans for a new port and airport. The dispute has turned into a serious argument over who is to govern Hong Kong up to 1997. Mr Hurd hopes to "make progress on" the issue.

## Garrison quiet

Islamabad - The Afghan garrison captured by guerrillas four days ago was reported to be quiet yesterday, with no sign of a promised government move to recapture the city. Mujahedin sources said that at least ten people died and 30 were wounded when a Scud missile was fired into Ghosht on Monday. (Reuters)

## Woman premier

Ottawa - The first woman premier in Canadian history has taken over the leadership of British Columbia following the resignation of William Vander Zalm on Tuesday. Rita Johnston was sworn in a few hours after Mr Vander Zalm stepped down following a finding that he had violated conflict of interest rules.

## Ershad sworn in

Dhaka - Hussain Ershad, the ousted president of Bangladesh, was sworn in as a member of parliament. Mr Ershad, aged 61, who faces trial for abuse of power and remains under house arrest, had earlier refused to take the oath unless he was set free. He relented when told that he risked losing his seat.

## Killer bees return

Mexico City - African bees, also known as the killer bees, have returned to the Mexican capital, causing widespread fear among its 20 million people. Firemen have been kept busy dealing with hives and the army is being trained to dispose of the bees.

## ANC call to ban Zulu weapons

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress yesterday called on the government to ban so-called traditional weapons from black townships, in an attempt to curb political violence which has claimed more than 1,200 lives since last August. An ANC delegation led by Alfred Nzo, the secretary-general, also demanded impartial policing of the strife-torn areas during talks with Adriaan Vlok, the law and order minister.

The ANC has claimed repeatedly that the flaunting of clubs and spears, notably by Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, and police misconduct have fuelled the conflict around Johannesburg and in the Natal.

After the inconclusive meeting, Mr Vlok said he would raise the issues with Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader. "I agree with the ANC that pangas and axes are not traditional weapons, but we must be very careful when we disarm people," he said. "It is not only a knife or an axe that can be a dangerous weapon. A stone can be, even a woman's shoe under certain circumstances." He added: "I assured them we are acting as impartially as possible."



Vlok: pledge to raise issue with Chief Buthelezi

One result of the fighting has been growing support for Inkatha among black town councillors under siege by civic associations allied to the ANC. Prince Mokoena, the mayor of Alexandra township near Johannesburg, said councillors in the Transvaal were flocking to join Inkatha.

Church leaders are becoming increasingly critical of politicians on both sides of the tribal divide who have failed to halt it.

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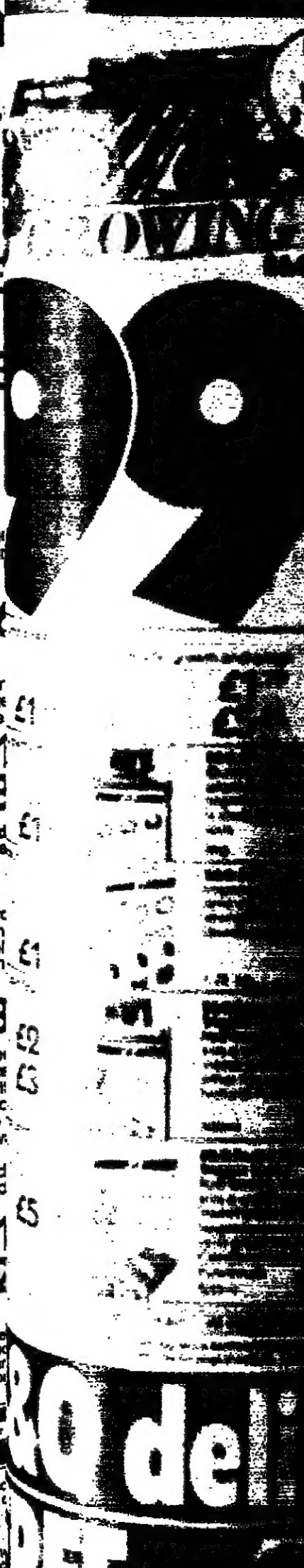
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# Albanian communists struggle to keep grip on city after protest over poll

## Opposition party calls for strike over deaths

FROM REUTERS IN SHKODER

THE Albanian city of Shkoder appeared to be out of the control of the ruling communists yesterday after security forces shot dead three people protesting against the party's election victory.

The main opposition party called a one-day general strike for today after the deaths of the three on Tuesday. Gramoz Pashko, the joint leader of the Democratic party, said it was issuing leaflets urging people not to work today and to switch off their lights at 9pm as a protest.

Witnesses of the unrest in the northern town accused soldiers and police of opening fire on high-school pupils who had gathered in the main square for a peaceful protest in front of the building on Tuesday morning.

"In our opinion the elections on Sunday were a fraud. Our slogan was 'we don't want blood'. Then the police fired with automatic rifles," said Harris Morana, aged 16, who is in intensive care in Shkoder's hospital with a bullet

wound in the chest. He was among 59 people who were wounded in more than two hours of running clashes and shooting, according to Xhemal Uruci, the local Democratic party secretary. Protesters set fire to the city's communist party headquarters and army vehicles.

Official results from Albania's first multi-party elections since communists took power in 1944 showed that the ruling Party of Labour had won 162 of the 250 seats in parliament against 65 for the Democrats. Four seats went to two small groups and the remaining 19 are to be decided in a second round on Sunday.

Relatives of Arben Borci, aged 23, a Democratic party leader, said they were shot from behind. "He wanted to win democracy and freedom. He wanted to be in front of the young boys. He was shot in the back," said Borci's mother, Gjelle, who wept and kissed her son's corpse in the small room where it lay surrounded by waiting women.

Borci's colleagues said that



Running battle: police chasing demonstrators in Tirana yesterday after protests erupted in the wake of the communists' victory in Sunday's elections

he had been appealing to protesters to go home when he was killed. State television said three people died and 23 others, 12 of them police, had been wounded.

The report said shots were fired "to act against terrorism" after about 1,000 demonstrators began stoning the communist party headquarters. Harris and other

witnesses said the building was stormed only after shots were fired, some said from inside.

The four-storey headquarters was a burned-out wreck late on Tuesday, piles of ash still smouldering outside where protesters had set alight pillaged files, furniture and works of the late Stalinist leader, Enver Hoxha.

Two armoured cars and two police lorries were charred hulks, stones and glass from shattered windows littered the main square and a dead cat hung from a lamp-post. Residents said the cat had been strung up in effigy of Hoxha's hardline widow, Nexhmije Shkoder, which is 70 miles from Tirana, has a history of

opposition to communism. It was the scene of Albania's first big pro-democracy demonstration in January last year and in December rioters blew up a statue of Hoxha and urinated on the remains.

In Sunday's vote, the Party of Labour swept the countryside of the largely rural Balkan state while the Democrats, founded four months ago when President Alija lifted a decades-long ban on opposition, triumphed in Tirana, Shkoder and other cities.

Residents of the western town of Kavaje said 20,000 workers had gone on strike. In Tirana, riot police fired shots in the air and used truncheons to beat about 400 stone-throwing protesters.

The elections polarised Albania between urban residents and peasants. Tuesday's unrest indicated that the Party of Labour was likely to have trouble controlling key centres other than by force. Special forces were on patrol in Shkoder on Tuesday night, driving around in a van with a rifle barrel poking from the front window.

More than 80 per cent of voters in Shkoder backed the Democrats, many of whose leaders are intellectuals. Dozens interviewed said they could not accept continued communist rule, nor could they believe statements by international observers that the elections had been fair. "We cannot put up with any

more. We have run out of patience," one man, aged 64, said.

In Tirana, about 5,000 Albanians, desperate to leave the country after the election victory of the ruling communists, massed outside the Greek embassy yesterday in the hope of getting visas. Police and soldiers with rifles kept guard at the embassy, pulling aside applicants whom they suspected of having incorrect papers.

ATHENS: More than 600 Albanians crossed the border illegally into Greece hours after the election results. Unofficial reports say that some Albanians of non-Greek origin were being turned back forcibly.

## Hidden scrap of history worth a fortune

New York — An American who bought a torn painting at a country market for \$4 because he liked the frame is likely to become a millionaire when he auctions a scrap of paper he found tucked inside (James Bone writes).

The document, measuring 15in by 20in, turned out to be an example of the first printing of the American Declaration of Independence. It will be sold at Sotheby's in June for an estimated \$800,000 to \$1.2 million (\$680,000).

The unidentified seller, from Philadelphia, bought the painting at a market in Adamsstown, Pennsylvania, two years ago. The yellowing paper had been folded several times and inserted between the canvas and the frame.

Sotheby's authenticated the document as one of the rare first printings of the Declaration of Independence. It was printed by John Dunlap on the evening of July 4, 1776, the day the 13 colonies declared their independence from Britain. Only 23 other copies of the first printing, known as the "Dunlap Broadside", are known to exist. Sotheby's says the latest copy is in fine condition, although suffering from the usual "foxing", or brown-orange spots. "It's extremely fresh and as close to the condition as it would have come off Dunlap's press as possible," Selby Kiffer, the saleroom's expert on printed Americana, said.

## Aid increase

Bonn — Germany is increasing aid to ethnic German communities in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in an effort to stop them trying to return. Horst Waffenschmidt, state secretary in the interior ministry, said that DM100 million (£35 million) had been set aside already.

## Trial report

Peking — Ren Jianxin, president of China's supreme court, said trials of those detained in connection with the unrest in June 1989 have been "basically completed". He said that 715 people had been tried in Peking alone. The phrase "basically completed" suggests that a few trials are outstanding.

## Defiant Galtieri

Buenos Aires — Leopoldo Galtieri, the former Argentine dictator who ordered the invasion of the Falklands and led his country to defeat in the war with Britain, said he would do it again. In his first public comments he said he would order recovery of the islands, over which Argentina claims sovereignty. (Reuters)

## One-class travel

Paris — One of the quintessential symbols of Parisian snobbery, the first-class metro carriage, has been abolished by the city's transport authority, but no date has been given for its withdrawal. The carriages have been in use since the Metro was built in 1900 except for a brief period in 1947.

## Plea on exports

Breslau — President Walesa appealed to the EC to open its markets to Polish exports, but accepted that former Warsaw Pact states cannot join Nato since it would alarm Moscow. On a visit here to sound out EC membership, he was told it would take time.

## More troops deployed in Croatia

FROM DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

YUGOSLAVIA's federal presidency and leaders of the country's six constituent republics met yesterday in emergency session amid mounting anxiety that a military takeover was imminent in the northern republic of Croatia.

Reports from Zagreb, the Croatian capital, said that rail transport throughout the republic had been disrupted by troop movements and federal military convoys were also spreading out by road.

As Yugoslavia's disintegration gathers momentum, the situation is generating increasing conflict between Serbia and Croatia, and reducing even more the chances of a peaceful settlement. The con-



flict reached a new peak last Sunday when two people were killed in ethnic clashes in the Croatian lakeside resort of Plitvice before the federal army intervened.

The town now seems to have calmed down but the arrival of reinforcements,

including anti-aircraft guns, has fed Croatian fears that a creeping military takeover of the republic is under way. However, General Andrija Raseta, the commander of the Plitvice operation, was at pains to deny the rumours. He said his men were "protecting neither side", that they were there to prevent "ethnic confrontations" and will remain "as long as it is necessary".

Yugoslavia's eight-man federal presidency last month rejected an army proposal to place the military on general alert and introduce an effective state of emergency while the politicians continued bickering.

Serbia supported the proposal but was outvoted by other republics which argued

that the situation did not merit such drastic action. After the thwarting of this move, the military made it clear that while it would not interfere in the political talks, neither would it stand by if ethnic conflict erupted.

The violence in Plitvice has given the military a chance to add such a buffer force, but the deployment of federal troops throughout Croatia is spreading with the conflict.

Reports suggest that troops are moving south to the region of Krajina, where the local Serbian minority last weekend unilaterally declared union with Serbia. The military are also said to be moving to the northern region of Slavonija where armed Croats and Serbian villagers have been erecting road blocks. Meanwhile, Croats have been fleeing the Serbian-dominated town of Kula, the centre of Serbian mutiny after a series of bomb explosions.

The stage has now been set for a test of strength between the federal presidency and the Serbs led by Slobodan Milosevic, their headline communist president, who has so far enjoyed the support of some if not all of the senior army officers. Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, is accusing Mr Milosevic of inciting and organising the Serbian rebellion in his republic. The Serbs deny this, but the Serbian chief of police in Kula told journalists on Tuesday: "We have done our bit, now it is up to Milosevic to keep his promise and supply us with arms".

## Yeltsin poll plea rejected

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, the leader of the Russian Federation, yesterday fought off moves to ouster his record but was unable to secure agreement on early elections to a stronger republican presidency which would provide him with a new power base.

Faced with deadlock at the federation's Congress of the People's Deputies, Mr Yeltsin's radical supporters in parliament and in the strike-bound coal mines have threatened to campaign for new legislative elections in the republic. The finely balanced

congress yesterday rejected an attempt to include in its final document a statement accusing Mr Yeltsin of "calls to seize power by non-parliamentary means".

In another tactical victory for the liberal side, it upheld the parliamentary immunity of a wealthy businessman, Artem Tarasov, who faces prosecution for alleging that President Gorbachev is prepared to sell Japan the disputed Kuril islands for \$200 billion (£113 billion). But legislators rejected an appeal for the formation of a

national unity government, and another amendment that would have scheduled presidential elections for early May or June.

Miners' representatives yesterday held fresh meetings with the government, which Mr Gorbachev has promised to join.

Underlining the close links between developments at the congress and in the pits, a notice outside the debating hall in the Kremlin informed deputies that at one Ural mine 2,000 men were staging a sit-in.

## Workers' showcase yearns for capitalism

AFTER the Democrats took over Sverdlovsk city council a year ago, they removed the giant red letters that spelled "Forward to the victory of Communism" across the roof of a central public building. In a mouldering suburb, with potholed roads and puddles like ponds, they left the sign that read: "Glory to the heroic working class" which is just as well, because heroic is the only word to describe the workers of Sverdlovsk.

Some 45,000 of them are concentrated in and around the vast metallurgical complex of Uralmash, at the end of a road bordered by estate after heavy industrial estate. It is one of the biggest machine building works in the country, with a projected turnover for 1991 of 1 billion roubles (£1 billion at the official rate of exchange) — and a product range which includes everything from large excavators and oil drilling rigs to washing machines. Uralmash has its own railway station, its own

The insoluble problems of the giant Uralmash plant reflect the plight of the Soviet Union's centrally planned industry. Mary Dejevsky reports from Sverdlovsk

bus depot, its own kindergartens, clinics and a new maternity home. It is a town within a city — and, like much of Soviet industry, it is on the brink of financial collapse.

Time was when the director of Uralmash could expect a call to an honourable job in Moscow. One former director, Nikolai Ivanovich Ryzhkov, built his reputation for efficiency at Uralmash, and was appointed prime minister on the strength of it.

For the past six years the chair which belonged to Mr Ryzhkov, has been occupied by Igor Ivanovich Stroganov, an energetic man who contemplates the future with incomprehension verging on despair. He is lumbered with an industrial complex that is a nightmare

of financial and personnel management, with no freedom of action and no blueprint either. He has only a series of unrealistic and conflicting instructions from Moscow passed down without consultation.

Profits this year are set to slump from 130 million roubles to 24 million roubles because of changes in taxation and pricing. Mr Stroganov says he cannot reduce the workforce, because the turnover of trained staff is already too high — more than 10 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared with less than 5 per cent in 1987, the heyday of perestroika.

Uralmash cannot increase production, although this is what Moscow says it should do, because raw materials are already scarce and have



to be obtained through barter. State supply contracts are not honoured. Uralmash cannot increase prices of its products because they are already close to world levels and no one will then buy them. Anyway, prices are set in Moscow.

Since the miners' strikes began last month, Uralmash has been living perilously. According to Mr Stroganov, it has only two days' supply

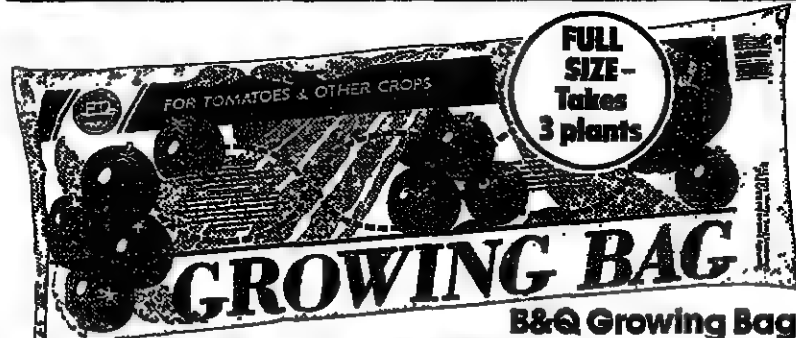
of coke for the furnaces; iron is running short. Thousands could be laid off.

"The only link between Uralmash and Soviet power is that Soviet power has continually milked it — and put nothing back in," Mr Stroganov said.

"Give us even the first stage of capitalism," said Aleksandr Petrovich, a foreman with 30 years' experience, "and let them exploit us in the capitalist manner. At least they would pay more to exploit us. I have worked here for 30 years and what have I got? A polka flat, a car that is falling to pieces and some furniture. Nothing else. I am a pauper, a pauper."

Aleksandr Petrovich, was one of the workers who took part in last week's "two-hour" warning strike at the works. "Two hours," he scoffed. "Who told you it was two hours? We were out for a full 24 hours. I'll tell you. We were supporting the miners — and we're learning from them."

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# Sky scope tracks secrets in space

The Atlantis shuttle will launch an observatory and send out astronauts on a spacewalk. Nigel Hawkes maps the mission

Black holes and exploding stars are two targets for a space telescope due to be launched tomorrow. The Gamma Ray Observatory, being launched from the space shuttle Atlantis, should provide information about some of the "most exotic members of the celestial zoo", says Alan Bunner, the programme manager. These include neutron stars, pulsars, black holes and places in the universe that contain extremes of temperature and density and magnetic fields.

If we were above the atmosphere and could detect gamma rays, the sky would be like a fireworks display, full of objects flashing, flickering and exploding. About 100 times a year there would be an explosion so brilliant that it would obliterate all other sources, including the Sun. The telescope is the second of four NASA observatories, following the Hubble optical telescope into orbit.

Later this decade it will be followed by telescopes operating in the x-ray and infra-red regions of the spectrum.

NASA is confident that the telescope, at 17 tons the heaviest payload put into space by the shuttle, will not suffer the same embarrassing flaws as Hubble. For a start, it has no mirror, as gamma rays would go straight through a mirror. Instead, it has four detectors weighing up to two tons each,

which have been tested individually and together to ensure they will work.

Every detector will take two weeks to make an exposure, counting the gamma ray photons as they arrive. Together, the four instruments will cover the full energy range, using different techniques to measure the gamma rays from different areas of space.

The observatory will spend its first 15 months on a survey between ten and 50 times more sensitive than previous gamma ray studies. Gamma rays are the messengers of the most violent events in the cosmos but are

*'The telescope should show some of the most exotic members of the celestial zoo'*

invisible from Earth because they are absorbed by the atmosphere. Black holes, for example, are expected to provide a characteristic gamma ray signature that would prove they exist. "Since the sky is largely unexplored, it is like looking at the universe with new eyes," says Carl Fichtel, whose Egret detector (energetic gamma ray experiment telescope) will seek black holes and the explosions of supernovas.

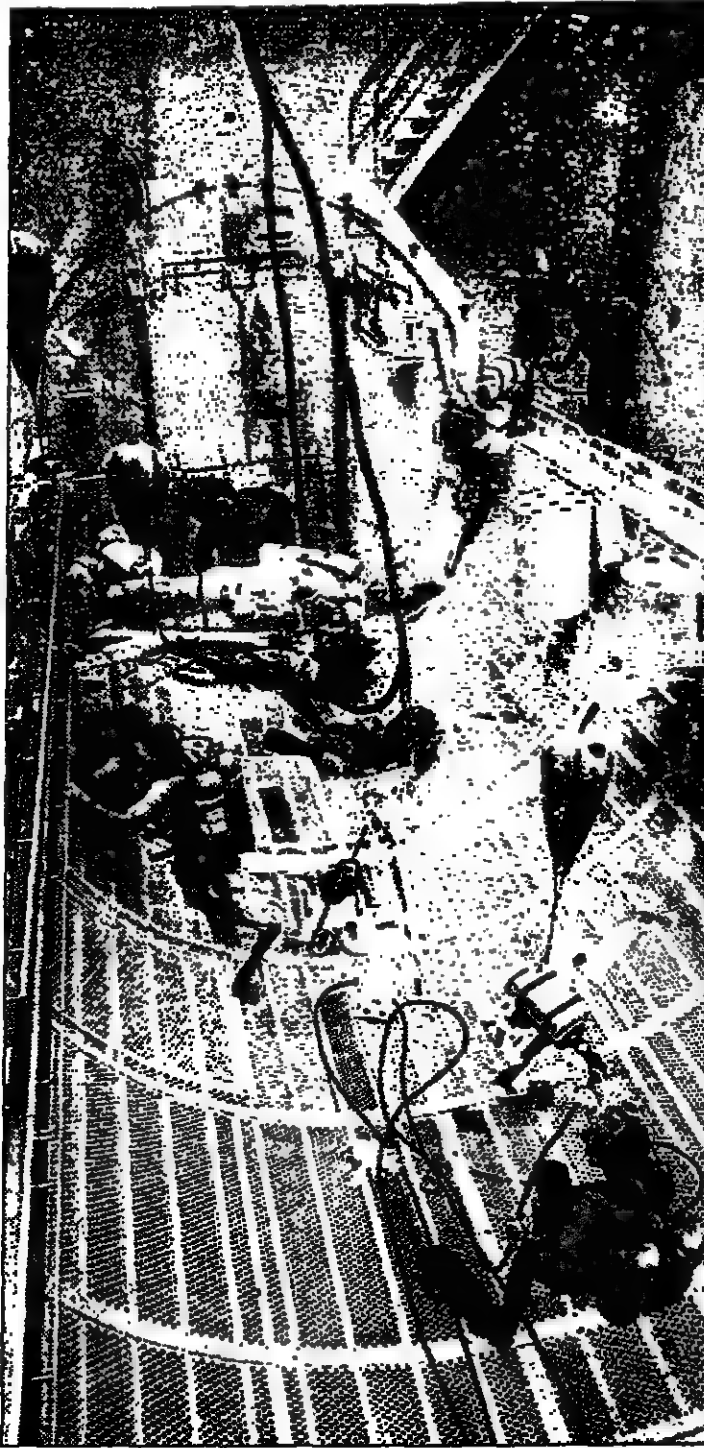
Another instrument, Bats (burst and transient source experiment), will seek gamma ray bursts, brilliant random explosions that

were discovered in 1967 by the Vela satellite, launched to detect nuclear explosions on Earth. Such bursts, lasting only a few minutes, appear unrelated to any visible objects and come and go without leaving any traces.

The bursts may be linked with neutron stars, ultra-dense objects that are torn by quakes or thermonuclear explosions and could produce bursts of gamma rays. Bats has eight detector modules pointing in different directions to pinpoint bursts.

After several years, the scientists should have hundreds of gamma ray events to classify. NASA intends to run the observatory for at least four years, but it will carry fuel to operate for ten years and to position itself for a controlled re-entry. During the mission the astronauts are expected to make the first American spacewalk for more than five years.

In the payload bay Lieutenant-Colonel Jerry Ross and Dr Jap Apt will test methods for building and maintaining NASA's planned space station. The bay will have a section of track more than 23ft long. Lieutenant-Colonel Ross and Dr Apt will attach a similar length of track to it, giving them a 47ft rail along which to test vehicles of various designs. They will also secure themselves to a platform at the end of the shuttle's mechanical arm, while another astronaut, Dr Linda Godwin, moves them about from inside.



High steps: underwater spacewalk practice for the astronauts

## Message on a bottle to beat the fakers

Plastic seals should help keep drugs and other products safe from counterfeiters

W after-thin films of plastic have been developed by British researchers to help defend drugs and high-priced pharmaceuticals against counterfeiters and blackmailers. The "intelligent" layers, held over a bottle's mouth, will withstand the daily knocks and bangs of packing and shipping.

If broken by a syringe or tampered with in some sinister way, however, the films will delaminate spontaneously or break apart from their bindings. This changes the way light refracts and reflects through the layers, instantaneously revealing a permanent warning printed within the layers.

The same technology can be adapted so that, if the films are pressed, an authenticating image or message is permanently displayed, reassuring the buyer that they are the first person to have opened the bottle since it left the factory.

A chemist or supermarket pharmacist could equally press the films as part of a random check to prove that a consignment is genuine.

The authenticating film technology has been developed by scientists at ICI Imagedata in Braintree, near Manningtree, Essex, in collaboration with Flex Products of Santa Barbara, California. The development highlights the enormous worldwide push to develop low-cost, anti-counterfeit and tamper-evident technologies against increasingly sophisticated drugs, foods and expensive drinks to car, aerospace parts and electrical goods.

The fakers were once content with relatively harmless copies of such items as T-shirts and cassettes. But racketeers, involved in an estimated £40 billion a year illegal business, are moving into areas where not only corporate profits and reputations are at risk, so is the health of customers. Fake shampoos masquerading as well-known products and exported to the Middle East have in some cases not worked. Others have turned hair white.

Experts also report cases of counterfeit penicillin missing important ingredients, as well as sub-standard car and aircraft parts carrying illegally stamped trademarks. The profits from the illegal trade are so high that those involved have the funds and skills

to mimic anti-counterfeiting devices very quickly.

Holograms, familiar on credit cards and on some packaging, once seen as the ultimate way against fakers. But even this high level of protection is being eroded by gangs able to copy hologram technology.

ICI, with its years of experience in thin film plastics, believes technology could be harnessed to battle against the racketeers. Steve Abbott, the research manager at ICI Imagedata, says: "We wondered whether we could do something that would be technically difficult for us, but would therefore be even more difficult for the enemy on the ground."

Three years later, they are ready to market the film technology, depending on the



Steve Abbott and fake-proofer's desired level of

can reveal a conventional printed message or one with optically variable inks appear to be in different colours, making it difficult even sophisticated counterfeiters to copy. Dr Abbott's company is working on a generation version. "Trying one step ahead is an unending battle," he adds.

Several other ideas are being developed. Persuade, a company based in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, has developed a label that uses special chromic inks. When touched with a finger, one of the label's black, allowing Customs and Excise officers to validate a consignment in seconds.

NICK NUTT

## Video reality sharpens up the train drivers

British Rail decides to take a super-simulator on board

TRAINING locomotive drivers is an expensive and time-consuming process. Drivers may practise real-life situations but this uses up rail track and rolling stock.

For this reason, British Rail employs two portable driver simulators, which are installed in the back of a bus. However, the systems cost about £350,000 each and are used only with experienced drivers.

A British company is tackling these problems by developing a simulator that will be cheaper and will offer additional facilities backed by £200,000 from British Rail and the government's Training Agency.

Train simulators now in use have a video disc player to give the driver pictures of the track adequate for most situations but inappropriate for simulations requiring speed variations. For example, the slowing-down at a signal followed by a speeding-up is normally achieved by shooting the track scene with high-speed film and skipping some of the frames. However, this rules out a simultaneous commentary, and overlaying the pictures with computer graphics is

also difficult. The new simulator has a system called Digital Video Interactive (DVI), which uses powerful microchips to compress large amounts of data and makes it relatively easy to record variable speed video, sound and graphics on to a computer hard disc.

The system has a standard personal computer and the driver sits in front of a monitor. Future systems may use wide-screen televisions or projection screens for

greater realism. "Our main objective at this stage is to make the system portable," says Stefan Nowak, the technical director of Hodot, which developed the system.

The simulator, which is expected to cost about £35,000, has mock-up cab controls, including a speedometer, brake pressure meters, a brake valve control handle, a power handle and an automatic warning system, which the driver must operate whenever the train passes through a red or amber signal.

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Anthony Parsons blames anti-imperialist paranoia for a totally unjustified prison sentence

## Spy? Cooper is Iran's true friend



Cooper: will not bear malice

News from the Middle East does not often give me unalloyed pleasure. But my whole family shares the joy and relief of Roger Cooper's family and friends. Five years and four months is a long time. Happily, his physical appearance and comments on arrival at Heathrow demonstrated, as we all expected, that no one could have been better qualified to endure such an ordeal with aplomb and sang-froid apparently unimpaired. Moreover, his release is further evidence that President Rafsanjani has gained the ascendancy over the more radical elements in Iran.

The Iranian accusation that Roger was a spy is absurd to anyone who knows him well. I have been racking my brains to think of someone less suited to such a role. Indeed, Roger is, if he will forgive this analysis, unemployable in the world of espionage: too conspicuous, too independent-minded, too gregarious, too outspoken, too reluctant to do what he is told without question. But his comment that to an Iranian mind he fitted the profile of a spy is pertinent and goes to the heart of the complexities of Britain's relationship with Iran.

Iranians are as a rule acute sufferers from that well-known 20th-century disease, post-imperialist paranoia. This is not surprising. For more than a century up to the 1950s, Britain manipulated Iranian domestic politics, dominated Iranian foreign policy, monopolised Iranian oil and, from time to time, invaded the country (most recently in 1941, when we stayed four years). In 1919, Lord Curzon (still remembered in Iran if largely forgotten here) attempted to persuade the Iranian government to accept a treaty which would have reduced the

country to a British protectorate in all but name.

So Britain's hidden hand became a feature of Iranian political folklore: the legend has persisted long after Britain's world role diminished, and successive British governments and diplomats have tried to put the relationship on a more normal footing. For example, I recall the late Shah telling me repeatedly during the 1978 revolution that the people believed that "if you lifted up Khomeini's beard, you would find 'Made in England' written under his chin." He half-believed this nonsense himself, in spite of my protestations that Anglo-Iranian relations had prospered as never before under his rule, and that the Ayatollah was demonstrably no admirer of Britain. Furthermore, the people who suspected us of backing Khomeini were also accusing us of blind support for the Shah.

In this labyrinth of suspicion and double-think, nothing is straightforward, nothing accepted at face value. The notion that an Iranian would learn our language, study our culture and live and work in England because he or she wanted to is not strange to us. The reverse is not the case. To Iranians it is improbable, to say the least, that Roger Cooper learned Persian, studied Iranian culture and lived and worked in Tehran outside the expatriate community simply because he liked the people and the country. There must have been an ulterior motive: obviously he was a spy.

With all this in mind, my heart sank when Roger was arrested more than five years ago. I never doubted that he would re-emerge, but family and friends could not do much more than keep in touch, ensure that he was not forgotten and remain ready to exploit any

opening that might accelerate his release. Given his background, it was inevitable that his case would become enmeshed in the labyrinth not only of Anglo-Iranian relations but of Iranian internal politics as well.

Roger is at last free. The truth is that he is and always has been a good friend to Iran and as effective a publicist for Iran as that country could hope to have. To immerse him in prison for more than five years was a curious return for his affections. But Roger is the last person in the world to bear malice, even for what he has suffered. My hope is that Iranians will at last realise that we British changed our spots years ago. All we want is a normal relationship with Iran: "British imperialism", with all its connotations, exists now only in Iranian minds.

Sir Anthony Parsons was British ambassador to Tehran, 1974-9.



Rafsanjani: in the ascendant

Daniel Johnson assesses Graham Greene, lifelong student of mankind's evil

## Whisky priest of the novel

Graham Greene was not a Catholic novelist, though he would dearly like to have been one. He appears to have died, as he had certainly lived for most of his 86 years, in a state of something very like despair.

Despair is not a subjective mood, but an objective fact: the knowledge that there is no hope, that there is no God. To recognize despair is, as Pascal understood, the first step in overcoming it. Greene never seemed to have got further, perhaps not even that far. His novels are merciless anatomies of mankind, but their intimations of immortality are no more than cruel hoaxes.

Greene's malnourishing was not theological, but moral. In worldly matters incomparably successful, bridging the gap between high-brow and popular fiction better than all his gifted contemporaries, Greene was nevertheless defeated by the task he set himself in life: to solve the problem of evil in his own satisfaction. The God who makes the gramophone needle stick at the end of *Brighton Rock*, preventing Pinkie's widow from hearing her dead husband's terrible curse, is a *deus ex machina*. Frustrated in his task of explaining evil, Greene was increasingly attracted to it, in the form of villainous idealists, such as the dictators of Panama and Nicaragua or the spy Philby. Hence the late works, such as *Dr Fischer of Geneva* and *Monsignor Quixote*, are slight parables, meditations on injustice, which skim over the depths of his earlier investigations of depravity.

Greene did indeed prove to himself that there was no explanation of evil this side of the grave. He failed to convince himself, though he persuaded countless readers, that he saw anything more beyond the grave than "a certain mystery". That, of course, was something. Without the church, which he came increasingly to despise, under Karol Wojtyla's papacy, it was no more than the vague decency of his whisky priests.

In a late interview with *The Tablet*, Greene came close to disclaiming any more specifically Christian, let alone Catholic, faith.

He described his one mystical experience, attending a Mass said by the Italian stigmatic Padre Pio in 1949. The Mass lasted an hour longer than the novelist had supposed. That was all. He passed up an invitation to meet the holy man: "I might have lost the person I loved." Pride sustained him far more effectively than faith could ever have done.

Greene found his vocation as an all-but-nihilist early in his career, and he stuck to it. Rather than transfiguring doctrine, the theological motifs which enchanted critics and admirers alike cannibalised it. His most memorable divine comedies are parodies of Christian morality.

When in *The Third Man* Greene's murderous profiteer declares a Nietzschean contempt for humanity as he looks down on the ruins of Vienna, it is a moment of truth surpassing any of the script-writer's attempts to express the Catholic themes of sin and redemption in novels such as *The Power and the Glory*.

His lifelong quest to reconcile a perverse yearning for the comforts of Catholicism with a far less ironical penchant for atheistic ideologies led him to denounce the church ever more vehemently as he grew older. He was attracted to the this-worldly eschatology and utopianism of the liberation theologians of Latin America far more than to the timeless verities of Vatican encyclicals.

Greene's life shows how amoral the novelist must be in practice, whatever his books may say. The opportunist of innocence, the scavenger of squalor, more parasite than proselyte, the modern novelist exists in the cavities of society. His hero is the priest who administers the sacraments more often in a state of intoxication than of grace. The only hero left is the anti-hero.

Perhaps the novelist can no longer grapple with the phenomenon of evil, as Dostoyevsky and Thomas Mann once could. The phenomenon has outgrown the phenomenologist. Graham Greene, the last of the century's great moralists who still sought moral enlightenment in the novel, bequeaths no solutions.

## We can only look and weep

Moral dilemmas beset us on all sides, writes Bernard Levin, but none is so acute as the plight of the Kurds

I do not have the ear of the Almighty, and I shrink from guessing His plans for this world; but there must be a file somewhere in the heavenly archives marked "Total destruction by Fire / Brimstone / Plague / Flood / Great Beast / Other", and I have an uneasy feeling He may be about to blow the dust off it.

If so, it will be not only the wickedness that invokes the ultimate wrath; after all, evil was allowed for in the original design, when we were given choice. But the *madness*—has there ever been a time when so much of it has stalked the world?—may be enough to put Operation Last Days into motion.

If you were God, what else would you do when you came upon the picture from Australia, published in the *Telegraph*, of a vast, strong of sheep—many thousands of them—lined up to be shot and their carcasses abandoned? It seems that fattening the beasts and taking them to market would fetch so little that the farmers would be out of pocket, so it is better to kill them and let them rot. The previous day the same newspaper had been estimating the number of millions of human beings who will shortly die of starvation in the Horn of Africa, but it is not essential to combine the two stories; the madness of the Australian cull can stand alone as a symbol of what the human race has done with God's promise. I am sorry that Graham Greene did not live another day to see the picture; my admiration for him was greatly restrained, not least because of his flabby Soviet fellow-travelling, but he was a dab hand at moral dilemmas in his novels, and somebody ought to be endowing a chair of them (the dilemmas, not the novels) in his memory.

There are reasons to choose from, these days. Did we not cheer—I more loudly than anybody when the Soviet Union began to crumble? The crumbling goes on apace, but there is no food in the shops and no money to buy it if

there were: go tell the people to eat freedom. For that matter, I was well to the fore when it came to cheering the collapse of Yugoslavia, but I do not think that civil war will greatly improve things there. As for South Africa, where one-man-one-vote is on the way, blacks now slaughter blacks in such numbers that there may be no adults left to do the voting when the great day dawns. And here is a story, every month the number of people with Aids increases by 10,000, while experts claim that the world total of those suffering the condition is well over a million, and those who register HIV positive are numbered between nine and eleven million; how splendid, brave and right, only a few years ago, was the sweeping away of all sexual and other restraints that hampered people's pleasure?

But if the Graham Greene Chair of Moral Dilemmas comes about, the very first course in the subject must be the consequences of the Gulf war, and in particular the plight of the Kurds. There will be, three papers in the degree exam, viz., the plight itself, what should or could be done about it; and what we feel. Today's lecture will concentrate on the third.

Many of the despatches and photographs that journalists have been sending back from Iraq are among the most terrible of our times; to see the like of Saddam's genocidal killing you have to go back to the indiscriminate and relentless slaughter by Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge.

That, however, only lays down the things about which we are to have feelings. I assume that we are, as individuals, in a position to save any Kurd; at least very few of us are. (I think that anyone safely in a position to kill Saddam, and who does not embrace the philosophy of complete non-violence, ought to think seriously about doing so; come to think of it, what do the operatives of Mossad do for their wages?)

If we can do nothing to alleviate the plight of these hideously



persecuted people, are we not hypocritical in weeping over them? After all, throughout all history abominable deeds have been done to the innocent and helpless; Saddam's revenge for his defeat is worse than most, but there are many such people hardly better off. Can we spend our entire time weeping? Or rather, how much time have we spent weeping for other victims? If the answer is little or none, what provokes the tears now, and whatever it is, are we not, as we weep for the Kurds, really expiating our guilt for not

weeping at the slaughtered Cambodians?

That may be too crude; let us refine it a little. No sorrow excludes any other. If we shrugged off the dead Cambodians, not from indifference but from inability to do anything about them, we are not precluded from feeling pain at the plight of the Kurds. Indeed, we may each have a threshold of weeping; the tears refused before are now ready to fall.

Here, though, is a trap. Newspaper people say one picture is

worth a dozen stories, and it is true. No one who has seen the photograph of the little boy from the Warsaw ghetto, his hands up, his overcoat neatly buttoned and his flat cap on his head, being driven along with the crowd to a terrible death, will ever forget it. The same is true of the picture of the member of the Vietcong being shot in cold blood. When the close-ups of mounds of slaughtered Kurds arrive, what shall we do, other than remember them always? But why did we wait to see the horror before we could respond emotionally?

Am I, or am I not, my brother's keeper? If I am there will be many times when he is in trouble and I would wish to help him, though I can give nothing. What can I then? I can grieve; but it is his grief that is central to the argument, not mine. If the Kurds are our brothers, and we cannot help them, what price fraternity? Say those who feel very deep sympathy for the plight of the Kurds and I demonstrate his fellow-feeling shaved his head, shunt himself in a cage and fasted for a fortnight if the Kurds heard about it, would it comfort them? I imagine not. But what if they never knew it? gesture had been made; it was wasted.

That, surely, is the crux. The materialist view is that to exude sympathy into the world, without a name and address on it, is useless, indeed meaningless. But the rest of us know that the world can feel goodness even as it can feel evil. Almost all of the time almost all of us are impotent to affect the course of history. But unless we practise an unwavering solipsism (if it is possible), we are for good or ill, members one of another. Why do we mourn beside the graves of our loved ones though we know they cannot help us? Why do we concern ourselves with events in Borneo or Gambia? Well, why did the Creator give us a pain? Because all flesh is grass; and the only way to cheat death (unless you can write the Ninth Symphony) is to touch, metaphorically or literally, another hand before passing on into the night. I can do nothing for the Kurds, but if I comes to that I can do nothing for the five sparrows which were sold for two farthings. Yet they had had the last word.

...and moreover

## CLEMENT FREUD

There was something distinctly suspicious about Mrs White: she drank gin, secreted silver spoons above her person and kept a cache of objects d'art in a carrier-bag beneath her bed... which may be par for the course in respect of an elderly cook i/c downstairs of a country mansion, but she took a chopping knife to a mound of sausage-meat. A real cook would not do that.

And I was less than entirely happy about Miss Scarlet: an ill-dressed vamp who tried to get the Professor to kiss her in exchange for a spanner; she helped Colonel Mustard to fit a silencer to his revolver and gave the window-cleaner a hard time when she suspected him of rifling her drawers.

The Colonel was agreeable enough, though he appeared to be having it off with Miss Scarlet and her stepmother. He found a painting among the junk of the church bazaar, looked at it with care, re-examined it through a glass and told Mrs Peacock that it was a Turner; he would put money on it.

"The Turner?" asked Mrs P. The Colonel nodded, thought it would be worth six figures. They kissed. Later the window-cleaner came in and suggested that he and the Colonel might do a deal. Later still we found out that the picture had in fact been by a Turner rather than the Turner.

Professor Plum was a poor example of his calling, unlikely occupant of a chair at any seat of learning, though he and the Reverend Green played chess at

a speed at which other people play snap. At one point the Prof told the Rev to mind his manners unless he wanted the business of the missing church funds to end in disaster, at which Green reminded Plum about the Old People's Holiday Fund money which had gone awol. The academic went into a twitching routine.

When the window-cleaner passed and said: "Hello Professor," poor Plum snapped: "How did you know my name?" Perhaps he had forgotten that the scene opened with the window-cleaner greeting the Professor with those self-same words.

I liked Green; a confirmed bachelor to go with a new brand of Church of England permissiveness, he appeared in Mrs White's kitchen bearing an African spear, then told Plum he remembered the window-cleaner from a previous occasion when the young man had been a police officer investigating a crime (this); it looked as if his days of jumble sales and embezzlement were numbered.

Which left Mrs Peacock, an altogether more complex character: stepmother of Miss Scarlet, mistress of Mustard, champion of the toying turnspit. It transpired that it was she who had engaged the ex-police officer to cover as a window-cleaner and monitor villainies at The Grange. They had a row; "You do the work for which I pay you," she blazed at him. A hard woman, that. Then there was a noise—a single, muffled thump. And the Reverend came by to

say: "There's been a bit of an accident," by which we were to understand that the window-cleaner was dead.

It didn't surprise me. The sensitive young man must have been distressed by the many people who had taken against him: the cook because he identified her pilfering, Scarlet who had told him to keep off or else, Green and Plum, concerned about the rummaging into their shady pasts, Mustard and the fake Turner, then the row with Mrs Peacock; these things mount up. I plumped for suicide. A bit devious, you might think, but having watched what went on and assessed the characters of the occupants of The Grange I concluded that murder was not a deed of which any of the wimps in question was capable.

They said suicide was not an option. It had been murder. What we, the celebrity panel of Granada TV's *WhoDunnit*, must do is elicit the location in which the foul deed had been perpetrated, the weapon used and the identity of the assailant.

The suspects sat across the stage from us investigators. Had I been given the use of a cell and permission to keep them without food or sleep for 48 hours, I would have ended up with six water-tight confessions. As we had only three questions each, I began to understand how the West Midlands CID had felt.

Readers eager to learn the outcome will have to go into the sitting room one Wednesday evening in May—I cannot be more precise—and press 3 on their remote control units.

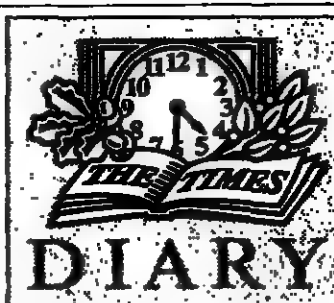
## My last words are in the post

Even in his last few days, Graham Greene was writing to Norman Sherry, the man he once described as his "doppelgänger", to try to ensure completion of his biography before his death. Greene was initially appalled by the prospect of being the subject of such a tome, but changed his mind as his health deteriorated. Sherry says: "I gather there are still letters in the post from his hospital bed in Geneva. He always wanted to die with his pen in his hand."

When the two men met 17 years ago, Greene reluctantly agreed to authorise Sherry's biography, the first volume of which was published in 1989. Sherry has written 500 pages of his second volume and expects to publish the completed work next year. But Greene exacted a high price, insisting that Sherry retrace his steps in all the various travels featured in his books. "Unless you see you cannot know," Greene told him. "He called me his doppelgänger because I followed his tracks all over the world."

Greene eventually had second thoughts, because at almost every point of call Sherry was struck down with illness. "For God's sake don't let Norman go to the Congo; he's bound to become mortally ill there," he once wrote to a mutual friend. Vietnam, Cuba and a leper colony are the only outstanding trips for Sherry to keep his side of the bargain.

Of all his encounters with his subject, one stands out. "We were in a pub in Berkhamshead when the barman asked: 'Are you Graham Greene?' He hated public recognition, so he turned to me and told the barman 'I was.' The biographer was immediately given a whisky and soda on the house, while the real Graham Greene was ignored for the rest of the evening.



Let no one say the Conservatives are insufficiently interested in green issues. If the "Vote Evans" posters in today's Neath by-election have a slightly dog-eared look, it is for the soundest environmental reasons. The party has recycled posters from the Ribbles Valley by-election, where the Tory candidate was Nigel Evans, in support of Richard Evans at Neath. The posters will be carefully taken down after today's poll, for use in the forthcoming Monmouth by-election. The Tory candidate there? Roger Evans.

## Theatre of brutality

The Lithuanian Conservative Theatre can hardly be accused of lacking verisimilitude. The company has just arrived in Britain to stage its production of a play based on the cat-and-mouse games the KGB played with the Soviet Jewish writer Daniel Khatam before murdering him in 1942.

Director Jonas Vaitkus has fortunately escaped a similar fate, but is organising the tour with his head swathed in bandages after being severely beaten by the KGB before leaving Vilnius. "This is typical of what is happening to the Lithuanian people," he says. "I think the Moscow authorities want to provoke us, to make us angry and start a fight."

Later this year the play is to be produced in Kiev. Vaitkus is considering kitting out the entire cast, with crash-helmets.

## Final analysis

The warden of Wadham College, Oxford, who recently launched a public assault on declining educational standards, has a fascinating explanation of why his own college has plummeted in the league table of finals results.

Using considerable statistical sleight of hand, he reassuringly explains that the decline is not nearly as bad as it seems. "This year we were fourteenth in the Norrington Table, but if only four of our six Thirds had been awar-



ded Firsts we would have maintained the position of fifth that we have held for the last three years," he writes in the latest issue of the college gazette. "On the other hand, if four of our Firsts had got Thirds, then we would have dropped to seventeenth."

Not for nothing did the college appoint Sir Claus Moser to be warden. As chief statistician to the Wilson government, he set up the Central Office of Statistics.

## Travellers' fare

Row is about to erupt in Liverpool over the use of public money by six Militant-supporting Labour councillors for a trip to London to lobby Labour's national executive committee against their expulsion. Officially, the all-expenses-paid

outing was to attend a ceremony in the Speaker's apartment at the Commons to confer the freedom of the city on Eric Heffer, who was too ill to go to Liverpool. But the six travelled ahead of the official party to heckle Neil Kinnock at a meeting of the NEC that set in train moves to strip them of party membership. Sue Hodgson, one of the six, is unrepentant. "We would have preferred an invitation direct from the NEC, but as none arrived we decided to make a detour before Eric's ceremony. I think he would have approved."

The shenanigans did not finish there. Trevor Smith, Liverpool's deputy mayor, and a number of fellow Labour councillors left the reception with carrier bags filled with food and bottles of champagne. "The mayor, Dorothy Gavin, was appalled and made his views plain to Smith in full view of other passengers as they waited to board their train at Euston station. Smith says: "We only took the food because the journey was so long and because we did not want it to go to waste. The mayor thought we had shown up the city and the Labour party."

The whole undignified affair is due to be raised at the next council meeting. On the day of the ceremony, which cost the city an estimated £10,000, the council voted to axe 600 jobs in an attempt to ease its latest budget deficit.

Old Cliftonian Roger Cooper's quip that anyone who has been to public school and served in the army can take a Third World prison in his stride echoes John Mortimer's observation that it is never public school boys who weep in the dock but East End street villains who have never before been away from home. Mortimer also tells of a POW working on the Japanese Burma railway who saw an old school friend among the new arrivals. "Then up, Charles, it's not as bad as Marlborough," was his comforting greeting.





## SAVING THE KURDS

No sooner were the people of Kuwait released from occupation by the forces of President Saddam Hussein than other subject peoples of Iraq, Kurdish and Shia, found themselves in a similar inferno. The Kurds, who had some 4,000 of their villages razed by Saddam only three years ago and were viciously gassed, are proving especially vulnerable. Their fears of Iraqi brutality are based on bitter experience. Hence the panicked exodus of thousands of people toward Syria, Iran and, above all, Turkey.

Military action that might have defended Kurdistan from the Baghdad regime existed only in the minds of those far distant from that benighted land, not in the realm of practicality. The urgent need now is for a huge humanitarian effort.

Turkey and Iran, as the states adjacent to northern Iraq, have a simple humanitarian responsibility to these refugees. Iran is already burdened with tens of thousands of Shias who fled across the border from the Republican guards in southern Iraq. Turkey is clearly reluctant to increase the separatist aspirations of its own Kurdish minority. That is too bad. Ankara must relent from its intransigence, order its troops not to shoot at the refugees, and set up proper camps. If Turkey has any doubts about this, it should remember its oft-expressed desire to be judged by European standards.

The UN must play its part, both in providing relief for the victims and in putting pressure on Baghdad to halt the slaughter. The question is, how? President Mitterrand yesterday gave his answer: there should be a UN resolution, condemning Iraqi atrocities and maintaining sanctions until Saddam's troops stop behaving abominably. The British and American response to this was cool. They see great obstacles to obtaining security council unanimity for such a resolution. The present ceasefire resolution has taken over a month to draft. It is likely to be the last for some time. To enter

at this stage into protracted negotiations on incorporating the Kurdish issue into the resolution would be unrealistic. A UN relief effort must not be delayed.

Organising a relief effort is more tractable, even if the logistics are complex. But the Gulf conflict has created refugee problems before, notably last autumn when thousands of Asian refugees poured into Jordan from Iraq and Kuwait. The relief agencies should have absorbed the lessons of coping with that flood of unwilling travellers. The Kurds are in a worse state: the Asians who fled to Jordan had not been bombed and shelled.

In addition to relieving the plight of Saddam's Kurdish victims, the international community must find new ways of forcing the Iraqi leader to stop what appear to be genocidal attacks his own population with the huge arsenal at his disposal, including armour, warplanes and helicopter gunships. Saddam is clearly aware that international opinion does impose some constraints on him. His failure to use poison gas, either against the coalition or against the Kurds, seems to reflect this awareness.

Sanctions imposed on 6 August remain in place. If amending Resolution 661 to require Saddam to stop persecuting his Kurds or Shia Muslims is impractical, the UN should remind Baghdad forcibly that 661, and indeed the other UN resolutions on the Gulf crisis, refer repeatedly to the need to maintain international peace and security in the region.

Hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees are gathering on Iraq's borders and confronting Turkish troops. Their plight is an international issue as well as an international outrage. The UN, the European Community, the American and the British governments must devote themselves both to the starving, dying refugees and to all feasible sanctions that might curb Saddam's excesses.

## ABUSE OF SOCIAL WORK

The truth of the Orkney child abuse allegations is now a matter for Sheriff David Keble, who yesterday began hearing evidence at Kirkwall sheriff court. Other recent cases concerning alleged child abuse have raised serious doubts about current social work practice. These doubts apply not just to social workers but to all professionals charged with caring for people "at risk".

Blaming the social worker when something has gone wrong is the easiest way for the community to wash its hands of responsibility. Sometimes this is fair. The children in some of the earlier abuse cases, notably those in Rochdale last year, turned out to be victims not of ritual abuse but of professional caution. "Defensive social work" is analogous to "defensive medicine" in America. It means professionals taking the action least likely to lead to accusations of negligence, despite the harm which might thereby be done to others.

Diagnosing the sexual abuse of children is desperately hard. Some children have been removed from their family homes because the local social services department judges them to be at risk from it; and sometimes the form of abuse alleged is what has become known as ritual or "satanic" abuse. The general policy of the social work profession, dealing with such allegations, is to err on the side of caution. But the consequences of being wrong may be much less severe to the social work professional than to the individuals concerned.

In the Rochdale case last year, social workers appeared to have acted over-zealously. Had they been less fearful of public opinion, they would have treated the suspicion of abuse more sceptically. For fear of missing a possible case of sexual abuse, children's allegations against adults were taken more or less at face value. While the decision to declare a child at risk and remove it from its family "just in case" may not legally imply guilt on the part of the

adults, that is how distressed and indignant parents are bound to react. They feel they have to prove their innocence.

Possible injustice to parents is compounded. Not having been formally accused, they cannot be formally acquitted. Children may be taken into care even when the police do not have enough (or any) evidence with which to prosecute. To wrench a child from its home and put it into care, isolated from its family, is itself a threat to that child's well-being. If it is done partly to shelter a social worker from subsequent criticism, then the interest of the professional is being given more weight than the interest of the child.

The social workers' best defence is to follow scrupulously the Butler-Sloss guidelines for handling child abuse, as good ones now do. But the guidelines were made in the light of the Cleveland cases, as long ago as 1987. Social workers now need further guidance, warning them that far-fetched "indications" of satanic abuse should be treated with extreme caution.

The public cannot have it both ways. The community exerts social workers who make mistakes of judgment, even where mistakes were honestly motivated by a concern not to break up families and thus further damage children. Every mistake nowadays is publicised and the professional involved pilloried not just by the media but by judges and politicians. Yet where the professional errs the other way, as in Cleveland and Rochdale, similar exorcism is forthcoming. The answer is that professionals are appointed to exercise judgment as between extremes, in response to social, medical, legal or even moral choices. They will be criticised if they make mistakes. They must be robust enough to withstand that criticism. But the criticism must be informed by an awareness of how hard their judgments are to make.

## NURSING AN IMAGE

Ever since "the lady with the lamp" moved silently between beds mopping fevered brows in Scutari Barracks Hospital, nurses have had worries over their image. The cause of their worry is not the usual one. Nurses are good, kind and wonderful. They represent the Victorian ideal of gentle caring femininity brought only slightly up to date. They have even turned the language of compassion — tender loving care — into the jargon of T.L.C. In this image lies romance, the nurse as pious handmaid to the handsome doctor.

Nurses are human. While basking in the positive side of such a picture, they kick against the negative. The Royal College of Nursing, celebrating its 75th anniversary today, has decided to "change the image". The media still fail to treat nurses as professionals, the college claims. Its general secretary, Christine Hancock, says that the portrayal of nurses by television and radio producers "can only undermine the many professional advances nursing has made in recent years". Because of the media 70 per cent of respondents to a survey marking the anniversary thought nurses were caring and sympathetic, but were "victims, and second best to doctors".

Victims they might once have been, but surely no longer. Margaret Thatcher did for nurses (and policemen) what Labour did for miners. Nursing militancy over the past decade never lost public support. It eventually led to the clinical regrading exercise that has transformed nursing as a career. Now the conveniences of career breaks, job-sharing and creches — necessary for a modern profession nine-tenths of which is

female — are beginning to arrive. A good nurse a few years after qualifying can be earning up to £15,000 a year with London weighting; those in charge of her can be nearing £20,000. The improvement in conditions has reduced a universal shortage to a patchy one, but nursing is still a seller's market. The private sector offers enough competition to keep the NHS (with 300,000 out of the national total of 580,000 qualified nurses) on its toes as an employer.

What irks nurses is that better pay and professional status have not been reflected in changed public perception. They lack the standing to go with the pay. There is some justice in this. All professions suffer from stereotyping; nurses can at least be thankful that their stereotype is inherently attractive. But one cause is nearer home than the media stereotype. Nurses live and work alongside doctors, who are jealous of their status and keen that nurses should continue in their shadow. It is the doctors' tight hold on medicine they should be challenging.

There is no reason why arrangements for the treatment of the sick should require two sharply demarcated and parallel professions, one mainly male, one mainly female. Nurses should work to dissolve the barriers between the two professions, to push across the no-man's-land between them, assuming ever more paramedical skills without having to retreat from the bottom. It is sad comment on the medical service in Britain that only a tiny handful of nurses graduate to general practice. If every private has a field marshal's baton in his pack, the student nurse should be able to aim for the job of brain surgeon.

## Call to act over Iraqi oppression

From Dr David Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport (Social Democrat)

Sir, On March 1 I wrote in your newspaper an article entitled, "Scaling Saddam's fate". It said: "We choose not to surround Saddam's bunker, to demand he come out with his hands up, or be blown up. We must therefore now ensure that this does not prove to be the single largest mistake of what has otherwise been a brilliantly conducted operation. It is our duty to make it impossible for Saddam to continue in power."

Sadly the horror of what is happening in Iraqi Kurdistan has shown how dire a mistake it has been to allow Saddam Hussein to remain in power. Unless we act decisively now, the allied forces in southern Iraq will soon look like the Red Army outside Warsaw in 1944, cynically waiting and watching while the German SS exterminated those involved in the uprising.

If the UN is unable to act to ensure humanitarian aid because of a Soviet or Chinese veto then the UK and France should declare that we intend to ensure that humanitarian aid is flown in for the Kurds, if need be under military escort, and that we will augment existing transport to ensure that the aid is delivered to the Kurdish people.

Our three governments should also say now that we will exercise our veto power in the Security Council to ensure that sanctions are not imposed while Saddam Hussein remains in power and that we will insist that he is extradited to stand trial for war crimes under the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

Honour demands nothing less. Yours faithfully, DAVID OWEN, House of Commons, April 3.

## Morale in the NHS

From Mr D. L. Crosby and others

Sir, Professor Caine and colleagues (April 1) describe a gloomy scene and dismal prospects for the attempts at improved management in the NHS. We have also suffered from problems of closed wards and many other constraints on our abilities to care for patients. However, in our case, this makes us anxious to have an opportunity to control available resources.

We do not believe it is a realistic option to carry on with a system where "no one has any idea what anything really costs". Many of the difficulties in which the NHS now finds itself are the result of this.

The alternative solution of simply providing more money has not proved very effective in the past. Most of it seems to go on increased pay, shorter working hours, and underwriting inefficient working practices.

We are therefore keen to give the proposed reforms an opportunity to succeed and are less pessimistic about the future. Yours sincerely, DAVID CROSBY (Consultant surgeon), J. H. JONES (Consultant physician), B. S. D. SASTRY (Consultant geriatrician), University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, April 2.

## Assessment of pupils

From Mr George Crowther

Sir, Mrs Deane's belief (March 27) in the power of national curriculum tests to gauge children's achievement and hence the quality of teaching is commendable. People in the testing industry would say, however, that belief is not enough. Tests, if they are to be of any value, must meet certain criteria of administrative reliability and validity.

Given that these yardsticks are satisfied, and there is serious doubt that they will be in the national curriculum tests, it remains unfair to infer quality of teaching on the basis of the results. Moderate teachers will produce outstanding results in Barnet and Harrow. Outstanding teachers will produce moderate results in Hackney, Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets.

I am, yours faithfully, GEORGE CROWTHER (Consultant educational psychologist), Little Hill, Colley Manor Drive, Reigate Heath, Reigate, Surrey, March 28.

## Teachers defended

From Mr P. H. Jeffery

Sir, Your leader ("NUT's death wish", April 1) is misguided in suggesting that local education authorities should sack teachers guilty of boycotting the testing of seven-year-olds. Dr Burgoyne (also April 1) sums up the problem very well when he says that the tests are ponderous and pointless. Teachers are merely (and rather belatedly) showing common sense.

The government should never have enshrined the national curriculum in law in the first place — a case of the law, indeed, being an ass if ever there was one.

Yours etc., PETER JEFFERY (Headmaster), Aldwickbury School, Wheatthorpe Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, April 1.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Case for increasing rate-support grant

From Dr Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West (Conservative)

Sir, I hesitate to join the unseemly squabbling of former cabinet ministers, but as one who for many years argued that the only way to make the rates (and certainly a poll tax) acceptable was to increase the percentage of central support for local government by transferring education to the Exchequer, I do not recall Nicholas Ridley ("Lawson killed my baby", March 27) at any time pressing the case for a higher RSG (rate-support grant).

On the contrary, he always seemed to make a virtue out of the fact that it was falling. By reducing the RSG from 34 per cent when he took office to 44 per cent in 1989 he is just as guilty of infanticide as Nigel Lawson.

By launching the community charge in a single year rather than phasing it in as Kenneth Baker intended, while at the same time cutting the RSG massively and not capping council budgets, Mr Ridley

and Mrs Thatcher strangled their baby at birth. Moreover, despite what Mr Ridley now says about the need for "rebates down the income scale", he did not design a comprehensive rebate scheme.

He now wants to pour Norman Lamont's £4.25 billion down the same bottomless pit that has already swallowed £5.5 billion. Of all people, Nick Ridley ought to realise that every £1 billion represents a missed cut of 1p in basic-rate income tax.

The Chancellor having correctly used the money to lower the burden on local taxpayers to approximately what it was under the rating system, the question is how best to sustain the position, or even lessen the burden further. Moving back to something like the percentage central grants we had for education until 1957 must be the answer.

Yours, KEITH HAMPSON, House of Commons, March 28.

## Children's evidence

From Baroness Faithfull

Sir, I believe that the Criminal Justice Bill, now being debated in Parliament, should include the recommendations made by last year's Pigot report, which outlined new ways for children to give evidence in court. I refer particularly to those children who have been sexually abused.

The suggestion that a child's evidence-in-chief could be given by a video recording would mean that young and shy people could talk to a child about traumatic experiences as soon as possible. The cross-examination could also be undertaken at once and these videos could then be shown at the trial.

The benefit for the child would be enormous, as his experiences will often have involved his family or someone close to his daily life; so the sooner the evidence is given the

sooner he can "start again" in his young life.

To keep the (often horrific) details in his mind for questioning (either behind a screen or on a TV link) during the trial, which may be delayed for up to 18 months, can only reopen old wounds.

In addition, the spontaneous memories of unhappy experiences can become blurred with time, especially if the child is prey to counter-suggestions from adults whom he sees each day.

The balance lies between the care of young people and the fundamental right of an accused person to question evidence brought against him. I feel sure the Pigot proposals meet the needs of both.

Yours sincerely, LUCY FAITHFULL (C. Sirman, Family Courts Consortium), House of Lords, March 22.

## Chichester theatre

From Mr John Gale

Sir, Benedict Nightingale's comment on the Chichester Festival Theatre ("Why has Sussex lost a leader?", Arts, March 28) was interesting and I was most flattered to be bracketed with Sir John Clements, who perhaps did more than anyone in sustaining the achievements of Laurence Olivier. I suppose critics always refer to "safe programmes" when theatre people have the audacity to be successful, or even, heavens forbid, try to please a large audience.

I do confess that I tried to please the local audience and they always proved to be discerning and loyal in large numbers. I was also responsible, however, for starting our alternative venue called "The Tent", which developed over five years into the new and lovely Minerva Theatre for plays with perhaps more of a minority appeal.

The main house still had plays by John Osborne, Christopher Hampton, Robert Bolt, Stephen Sondheim, together with Shakespeare, Vanbrugh, Congreve, Shaw, and the first production of Thomas Hardy's *The Dynasts* in modern times. Safe maybe, but not always as cosy as some critics might infer.

The exact reasons for Robin

Phillips's sudden and unexpected resignation in 1989, in my last season as director, are still a mystery. But he left, on the second day of rehearsals of his production of *London Assurance*, for personal reasons which had nothing to do with the ethos of the Chichester Festival Theatre, contrary to Mr Nightingale's suggestion.

Mr Phillips was not there long enough for anyone to form an opinion on his future plans for the theatre; therefore it is nonsense to suggest that the board or anyone else exerted pressure on him to institute some imaginary "safe programme".

The essential point about Chichester is that it receives no public subsidy and is dependent for its survival on private sponsorship and good box office returns. A few bad seasons at Chichester and the theatre might have to close, and nobody who lives in this area or who loves the British theatre would want to see that happen. As the late Benn Levy, the dramatist and Labour MP, once said: "Look after the economics of the theatre and the culture will look after itself".

Yours faithfully, JOHN GALE (Director, Chichester Festival Theatre, 1985-9), 1 East Dean Hill, East Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, April 1.

## Labour and deterrence

From Lord Orr-Ewing

Sir, Why is your leader writer (March 27) determined to credit Labour with policy changes they have not made? His claim that "Labour's policy review has produced a package" including "retention of the nuclear deterrent" is patently untrue.

Opinion polls have frequently charted massive public rejection of any policy of giving up all British nuclear weapons whilst the Soviet Union retains them. Yet Labour is still committed to doing this. Page 87 of the policy review document, *Meet the Challenge, Make the Change*, categorically states: "Labour will immediately seek to place all Britain's nuclear capability — including Polaris, and as much of Trident as has been completed — into international nuclear disarmament negotiations... Our aim is to bring about the elimination of that capability."

Time and again Neil Kinnock, John Smith and other Labour spokesmen have refused to give any commitment to keep nuclear weapons as long as the Soviet Union still has them. This is because Labour intend to negotiate away our entire nuclear deterrent in return for just a fraction of the Soviet nuclear force.

If Mr Kinnock wants the credit of retaining nuclear weapons, let him say at last that this is what he aims to do. In the meantime, however, your leader writer should stop misrepresenting the policy review document's pledge to "eliminate" them as a commitment to their retention.

Yours faithfully, IAN ORR-EWING, House of Lords, March 27.

## Church reappraisal

From the Reverend Nicolas Stacey

Sir, The Church of England needs to assess its priorities. High on the list must be the deployment, performance and morale of its full-time stipendiary clergy.

In the 1960s a few of us tried to get a Church reform movement rolling, but sadly with little effect, and as we predicted, in the intervening years the situation has got worse as numbers have declined.

Today many clergy are faced with a choice between looking after five country churches with congregations that rarely reach double figures or struggling single-handed in a 10,000-strong council estate with a

congregation of 50. Inevitably such a dispiriting and demoralising situation has taken its toll and has been counter-productive for the Church. As a matter of urgency the new archbishop needs to work out what radical measures are needed to use the clergy in more imaginative ways. Already a number of us priests have discovered one can make a more effective contribution to the building of the kingdom of God by working in secular jobs than working in the employment of the Church.

Yours faithfully, NICOLAS STACEY, The Old Vicarage, Selling, Faversham, Kent, April 3.

## Field of view

From Mr David Markill

Sir, The astonishing thing about the Countryside Commission's objection to the proposed wind farm at Cader Idris (report, March 12; letters, March 20) is that it spoils the view from Cader Idris.

The summit of Cader Idris lies 17km from the summit of the ridge Mynydd Cemmaes, the proposed site of the wind farm. At this distance the 25m tower of each turbine appears the same as 4.5mm seen 3m away and the 33m rotor

smaller than a shirt button viewed from the same distance.

I wonder when a member of the Countryside Commission last climbed Cader Idris.

Yours sincerely, DAVID MARKILL, Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, Tywyn, Gwynedd, March 20.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

## Teaching blind to heal the halt

From Mr D. I. Marshall

Sir, On April 11 the executive committee of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, which administers the North London School of Physiotherapy in Highgate, meets to ratify a proposal from its education committee not to accept an intake of students to the college in 1991. The effect of such ratification will be the disappearance of the blind and partially-sighted, chartered physiotherapist from both the NHS and private practice.

Since the early 1900s physiotherapy has been successfully practised by many with a visual impairment, including blinded service personnel from two world wars. This has been made possible by dedicated training at what is now the NLSIP, originally the nation's only purpose-built training college for physiotherapists.

The college was built by the RNIB in 1978 for £1.25 million and has attracted visually-handicapped students from all over the world. If its training is discontinued, any visually-handicapped person wishing to become a chartered physiotherapist will have to apply to one of the 33 other colleges; these are already well over-subscribed (there is a constant shortfall of physiotherapists) and none of them has indicated that it will accept visually-impaired students.

We are assured that the closure is not proposed for financial reasons, but for the sake of "integration". Yet integration has always existed in the practice of physiotherapy, once graduates have had the benefits of the specialised training methods and equipment available at the NLSIP.

As a retired, visually-impaired physiotherapist myself and as a former vice-principal of the NLSIP, I find it ironic that throughout my career it was the "sighted camp" who opposed our gaining equal status in the profession; yet now that this parity has been achieved, it is the "blind camp" who are closing the college.

Yours faithfully, D. I. MARSHALL, 39 Brook Road, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 0AB.

## Diet and disease

From Lady Slack

Sir, Dr Gilbert Thompson (March 28) gives a dire warning to Mr Bernard Levin (article, March 11) about the possible consequences of enjoying more butter and cream, threatening him with an appearance in your obituary columns.

The evidence for an association between saturated-fat consumption and differing rates of coronary heart disease between countries is not proof that one causes the other. Furthermore, the evidence that blood cholesterol levels are "what counts" is very dubious.

As a recently retired clinical geneticist with an interest in coronary heart disease, I would remind Dr Thompson, and reassure Mr Levin, that estimates of heritability of serum cholesterol levels are quite low (no more than 36 per cent) and apply only to the populations (middle-aged Americans) in which they are made. They should not be applied to an individual whose seniority would suggest that he has outlived much of the possible effect of any such deleterious genes.

Bearing in mind that cholesterol is an important component of brain cells, I hope Mr Levin will eat well and continue to write in your columns for many years to come.

Yours faithfully, JOAN SLACK, 22 Piers Lane, NW3, March 29.

## Budget victims

From Mr J. Keen

Sir, The Budget headlines trumpet that vehicle excise duty has been frozen for the sixth year running (still £100 a year for a Rolls-Royce).

The Chancellor says that he wants more fuel-efficient vehicles to be chosen. I was, therefore, surprised to be informed at the Post Office yesterday that the excise duty for my 49cc moped, which covers about 150 miles on a gallon of petrol, had been increased by 50 per cent from £10 to £15. Indeed steep increases have been imposed on all motor-cycle duties, but none by a higher percentage than for the smallest mopeds, used by the poorest in the community.

I have seen not a word from the motor-cycle industry and scant publicity in the Budget details. Yet another example of bumbling from a politician. Yours faithfully, J. KEEN, 37 Richmond Wood Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, March 22.

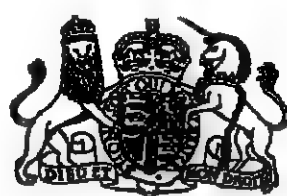
## Book at breaktime

From Dr Roy R. Johnson

Sir, If Mr Major is to read Trollope when taking his "well-earned break" (leading article, March 25), should he opt for *Can You Forgive Her?*

Yours sincerely, ROY R. JOHNSON, Flat 2, 66 Victoria Road, Exmouth, Devon, March 25.





## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
April 3: The Duchess of York this evening presented the Young Electronic Designer Awards at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London, and was received by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Jonathan Wheeler).  
Miss Lucy Manners was in attendance.  
The Princess Royal, President, Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, this morning attended a Meeting of the Association's Council at 35 Belgrave Square, London, SW1.  
The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.  
This afternoon Her Royal Highness, Upper Warden, The Worshipful Company of Loriners, attended the Meetings

of Committees Trade Liaison and Finance at Pwterers' Hall, Old Lane, London, EC2.  
**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
April 3: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community International, gave a dinner for young business leaders from the Pacific region at Sandringham House.  
The Princess of Wales opened St Peter's Basil, Walker, Newcastle.  
Subsequently Her Royal Highness visited Callaly Court, Walker, Newcastle.  
Finally, The Princess of Wales visited the offices of Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Limited, Newcastle.  
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

## Birthdays today

Mr Peter Attenborough, headmaster, Charterhouse, 53; Sir John Beith, diplomat, 77; Mrs Margaret Dupont, tennis champion, 73; Brigadier Anne Field, former director, WRAC, 65; Mr J.M. Fleming, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, 61; Mr Trevor Griffiths, playwright, 56; Earl Jellicoe, 73; Colonel Sir Bryan Knox, Lord Lieutenant of Ayr and Arran, 75; Viscount Leathers, 83; Mr Paul Parker, footballer, 27; Mr Ian Robertson, director, the National Army Museum, 48; Mr Dave Sexton, football manager, 61.

## Anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** Grilling Gibbons, wood carver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Siemens, inventor, Leoben, Germany, 1823; Maurice Vlainick, painter, Paris, 1876.  
**DEATHS:** John Napier, inventor of logarithms, Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh, 1617; Robert Ainsworth, lexicographer, London, 1743; Oliver Goldsmith, London, 1774; André Masséna, marshal of France, Paris, 1817; John Campbell, philanthropist, co-founder of the Religious Tract Society of Scotland, London, 1840; William Henry Harrison, 9th president of the USA March 4-April 4 1841, Washington, 1841; Carl Benz, pioneer of the motor car, Paris, 1941; Zulfiar Ali Bhutto, prime minister of Pakistan, 1971-77, executed, Rawalpindi, 1979; Gloria Swanson, actress, 1983.  
The North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington by 11 nations, 1949. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace laureate 1964, was assassinated, Memphis, Tennessee, 1968.

## Church news

**Church in Wales**  
The Rev John Threlwell, Vicar of Gwernol, is to be Rural Dean of Mold.  
**Church of Scotland**  
Translation  
The Rev Alan B Teffer from St James, Falkirk to Mauchline.  
**Retirements**  
The Rev David SA Grieve from Arbroath linked with Carnlythen linked with Collieston.  
The Rev W McRoberts from Ruchill, Glasgow.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.H. Bromley and Miss J. Harris  
The engagement is announced between Charles Bromley, eldest son of Sir Rupert Bromley, Bt, and Lady Bromley, of Rivonia, South Africa, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr George Harris, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Robert Conrad, of San Rafael, California, United States.  
Mr A.R. Dewes and Miss P.J. Northam  
The engagement is announced between Jim, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Dewes, of Dulwich, and Phyllida, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Northam, of Hatfield Wood, Hertfordshire.  
Mr M.J. Freeman and Miss C.J. Dixon Smith  
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr Richard Freeman and of Ann Bennock, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dixon Smith, of East Norton Hall, Leicestershire.  
Mr J.W. Gillies and Mrs R.E. Calder-Smith  
The engagement is announced between John Gillies, of Streatham, Berkshire, and Ruth Emma, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith W. Humphreys, of Meltham, Cambridgeshire.  
Captain J.M.R. Hopkinson and Miss C.E. Martin  
The engagement is announced between Captain James Hopkinson, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Cameron), son of Major General and Mrs John Hopkinson, of Biggleswade, Gloucestershire, and Candida, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Martin, of Wadborough, Wiltshire.

Mr S.M. Laird and Miss G.E. Haases  
The engagement is announced between Magnus, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Laird, of Moray Place, Edinburgh, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Haases, of Bury Castle, Newark, Nottinghamshire.  
Mr H.F. Ogilvie and Miss C.J. Macaulay  
The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Ogilvie, of Killybeggie, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Macaulay, Drumoak, Kincardineshire.  
Mr P.E. Payne and Miss E.A. Nottley  
The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs G.D. Payne, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Libby, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Nottley, of Guildford, Surrey.  
Mr M.D. Smith and Miss D.S. Boston  
The engagement is announced between Mark Dalton, younger son of the late W. Roland Smith and of Mrs Barbara Smith, of Hoylake, Wirral, and Deborah Sian, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Boston, of Heswall, Wirral.  
**Marriages**  
Dr F.M. Mariggi and Ms A.A.M. Dougarty  
The marriage took place quietly on Wednesday, March 27, 1991, in London, between Dr Piero Maria Mariggi, only son of Dr and Mrs Giovanni Mariggi, of Novara, Italy, and Ms Anne Dougarty, elder daughter of Mr Joyce Dougarty and the late James Dougarty, OBE, Dr and Mrs Peter Mariggi are at present living in Milan.  
Mr K.G. Thompson and Mrs R.P. Wilson  
The marriage took place on March 28, at Kingston Registry Office, of Mr Kevin Thompson, of Galeshead, Co Durham, and Mrs Kay Wilson, of Auckland, New Zealand.

## OBITUARIES

## GRAHAM GREENE

Graham Greene, OM, CH, novelist, died in Vevey, Switzerland, yesterday aged 86. He was born on October 2, 1904.

THE reputation of Graham Greene must rest on his serious religious novels, the first to be written in England in this century. But he was versatile and his travel books, short stories, criticism and those lighter novels he called "entertainments" were of high quality. He was an outstanding storyteller; he wrote plays and film-scripts as well as being an excellent film critic; he also contributed to children's literature. No other contemporary British writer enjoyed so high a reputation on the continent of Europe.

Graham Greene, who was related on his mother's side to R. L. Stevenson and, more distantly, to G. J. Whyte Melville, was one of the four sons of Canon Charles Henry Greene, the physician and climber, and Sir Hugh Carlisle Greene, director-general of the BBC from 1960 to 1968, also achieved distinction. Graham Greene, like his brothers, was educated at Berkhamsted School where his father was headmaster. While he was still at school his first short story was published and his first play accepted, but not performed.

He won a history exhibition to Balliol College, Oxford, gaining a second, being more interested in university journalism than in academic work. He was the editor of *Oxford Outlook* and contributed to London as well as Oxford journals. *Babbling April*, a slim volume of poems, was published in Oxford in 1925 but poetry was not his genre and he did not return to it. Strongly influenced in boyhood by Rider Haggard's *King Solomon's Mines*, he developed a lasting interest in Africa and for a time considered going into the Colonial Office. Instead, after an abortive ten days with the British American Tobacco Company, he went to Nottingham where he worked as a sub-editor on the *Nottingham Journal*. There he was instructed in the Roman Catholic faith and was subsequently received into it. Its influence was not apparent in his writing for some time. It took him ten years, he once said, to know enough about Roman Catholics to be able to write about them.

In 1926 Graham Greene came to London, and for three years worked as a sub-editor for *The Times*, where he found the company congenial and the hours, not to mention the disciplines of sub-editing, well suited to the apprenticeship of an aspiring novelist. He married Vivien Dayrell-Browning in 1927 and in 1929 Heinemann accepted and published the third of the novels he had sent them, *The Man Within*. Although he later, and justly, described it as "embarrassingly romantic" *The Man Within* had a great success and was rewarded with a three-book contract. This comparative security proved, significantly, stifling. The next two novels — Greene later omitted them from his list of published works — were barely noticed failures and it was only when his financial affairs reached a pitch of crisis that the thriller or "entertainment", *Sambourne Train* (1932), repeated his first success and he began to be noticed as a writer of originality and power with an unusual sensitivity to the world of urban seediness. Of this his interpretation eventually became known as "Greenland". This country of the imagination extended its boundaries to mid-century Africa, Latin America, the Far East, the Caribbean, Vienna and Brighton Pier.

In the years after *Sambourne Train* other entertainments followed, together with a book of stories, *The Basement Room* (1938) and *Journeys Without Maps*, the account of a trip to Liberia, in 1936. Already, distinctive themes were emerging: the betrayal of innocence and trust, especially the innocence of childhood, the lost Eden; obsessive gambling; the tawdry values of the old school tie. To these he added a subject he was to make his own, the problem of sin in a Catholic context, in his novel *Brighton Rock* (1938) with its painful and arresting conclusion. But "I find it very difficult to believe in sin" he once said and



insisted that the sense of sin, about which he wrote so powerfully, belonged to his characters and not to himself.

With *The Power and the Glory*, which won the Hawthornden Prize for 1940, Graham Greene became established as a writer of international importance. Here was serious religious fiction being written in England and comparisons were made with such French Catholic novelists as Bernanos and Mauriac. Greene's Mexican whisky priest has passed permanently into literature. Admirable as was much of his subsequent output — notably his later Catholic novels, *The Heart of the Matter* (1948), which brought widespread popular interest, and *A Burnt-Out Case* (1961) — *The Power and the Glory* is his masterpiece.

After *A Burnt-Out Case* his literary talent seemed for a while to lose its sense of direction. There were two more books of short stories; in 1963 the rather feeble *A Sense of Reality* seemed to hint at new directions, but these were not developed. In 1967 came *My We Borrowed Husband*, bitter but rather lightweight tales of (usually) sexual misery. A longer novel, *The Comedians* (1966), set in Pope Pius's Haiti, contained many excellent things and, though heavy-handed in some of its execution, presaged a return to confidence and form.

Greene then switched course. *Travels With My Aunt* (1969) was a brilliant comedy, the uncomplicated tale of a stuffy bank clerk and the outrageous Aunt Augusta who entices him from his championship dachshund to follow her round the world via Brighton and Istanbul to Paraguay where, his civic virtues hopelessly compromised by spectacular international crime, he spectacularly becomes engaged to the police chief's daughter. This was an unexpected book from Greene at this stage in his career. But while the nephew and his aunt are little more than figures, the stream of situations which constantly challenge them to action is subtly characteristic of Greene's work as a whole. *Travels With My Aunt* continues as adventurous farce the argument that life can only be savoured to the full by those who accept the need for danger, involvement and risk. It cleared the way for an energetic resumption of these themes in the books that followed it.

"Our interest on the dangerous edge of things," Greene took Browning's line as the informing text of his autobiographical memoir, *A Sort of Life* (1977), which surprised those who had expected this

very private man to offer lengthy revelations of childhood and youth and were offered instead a terse account of poetic escapades from unhappiness at school and their gradual transformation into the adolescent bravura with which the young Greene took on his new (and lifelong) enemy, boredom. As a boy he tried to cut off his leg with a penknife; at Balliol he tried remaining drunk for a whole term. He became a spy in the French-occupied Rhineland. Later in life he took opium from time to time and wrote soberly of the terrible dreams it had given him. If much of the material in *A Sort of Life* seemed vaguely familiar, that was because there was scarcely a significant episode, experience or setting in his early life which he had not already subsumed in his fiction.

"For a writer," he wrote in his memoir, "success is always temporary. Success is only a delayed failure." A writer is only as good as his last book, the one that really matters. These are the words of the complete professional, and one always had the feeling that Graham Greene could not have stopped writing — or travelling, or using his eyes and ears — even had he wanted to. He followed *A Sort of Life* with *The Honorary Consul* (1973), a novel of guerrillas and hostages set on the Argentine/Paraguay border. This was remarkable for its literary grace and readability, its profound sense of paternity (fathers of all kinds haunt its pages) and for its recreation of a perfect Greene hero, Dr Eduardo Plarr. It was almost as if, as he approached 70, Graham Greene had sat down and written for the pure pleasure of it, the exemplary Graham Greene novel. (One of his more mischievous achievements had once been to win *New Statesman* competitions with pseudonymous parodies of his own style.)

He was to continue to be full of industry over the next 10 years. *Lord Rochester's Monkey* (1974) was a break from fiction to publish a literary biography he had long cherished, that of the seventeenth century poet and rake John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester. But he returned to fiction with *The Human Factor* (1978), a story of treachery in the secret service which appeared timely amid a similar series of actual exposés in British public life. However, for all the fact that such a story was natural Greene territory, many saw in it a falling off of the master's powers, a feeling which was not entirely dispelled by the short *Dr Fischer of Geneva* (1980). *Monstrous Quixote* (1982) transferred

Cervantes's hero to modern Spain, made him of the cloth and mounted him in an old car called *Rocinante* to produce a comedy of light touch. His final novel, *The Captain and the Enemy* (1988), was, again, set in quintessential Greenland. Contentious Central America was evoked with the certain grasp of the old hand to produce a tale that was superficially an adventure, but underneath rehearsed the familiar themes of innocence, experience and disillusionment.

Greene did a great deal of work outside the field of fiction. He was exceptional in his generation for versatility. For example, no leading creative writer has shown, despite much discouragement, a closer or more lasting interest in the cinema. He was film critic of *The Spectator* from 1935 to 1940 and many of the judgments reprinted in *The Pleasure-Dome* (1972) have stood the tests of time and authenticity well. He took an unflinching delight in figures like Alexander Korda and Orson Welles — plenty of risk, and excitement of a kind, there — and enjoyed "going to the pictures" throughout his life. Many of his books were filmed, sometimes (as with *The Fallen Idol*, a story based on *The Basement Room*) with scripts written by himself, more often, and less fortunately, not. *The Third Man* was an exciting screenplay, filmed with great success by Carol Reed in 1949. None of Greene's other original screenplays was of the same quality, and neither were the few adaptations he made of other people's work.

He had several abortive attempts at playwriting but did not achieve success until 1952 when *The Living Room* opened in Stockholm and was produced in England the following year. This, like his other plays, *The Posing Shed* and *Carving a Statue*, and the farce *The Complaisant Lover* (well worth revival) were notable for their craftsmanship and originality, nevertheless the interpretative vision of his better novels was lacking. Yet another interest was revealed when, in 1966, he produced, with Dorothy Glover, a catalogue of their collection of nineteenth century detective stories in a limited, signed edition. Book-hunting expeditions, particularly in Scotland, were a favourite annual sport.

To meet, Greene was amusing, shy and, like his brother, Hugh, leaned from a considerable height. He was courteous and kindly, particularly to younger writers, and he was unfailingly alert. Unusually for a writer of his period, he sought

no personal publicity. He achieved it briefly as early as 1938, when an article he wrote on Shirley Temple for a satirical journal, *Night and Day*, led to a libel suit whose damages ruined the magazine. In his earlier writing his interest in generally liberal and progressive politics emerged only in the books themselves but youthful membership of the Communist party led, in 1952, to his being refused (and then, as a special exception granted) a visa to visit the United States. He greatly disliked American policy in South-East Asia and satirised it savagely in his novel, *The Quiet American* (1955) which was in many ways prophetic of later events. *Our Man in Havana* acquired fortuitous political significance when the Castro coup in Cuba seemed to justify Greene's charges of British intelligence's confusions in the area. "Our man in —", like "whisky priest" was a phrase Greene added to our language, and his nose for the world's next trouble-spot became so uncannily efficient that dictators were said to turn pale when he set up his typewriter overlooking their capitals.

During the 1950s and 1960s his interest in public affairs increased and he would write to the newspapers on such issues as justice for the Kikuyu in Kenya, support for Dr Castro, and on issues of interest to writers, especially censorship; in 1968 an attempt to divert his Russian royalties to the wives of the imprisoned Sinavsky and Daniel was, however, unsuccessful. He also wrote an open letter to Malraux, protesting at the Algerian trial of Henri Alleg, author of *La Question* and crossed swords with the Archbishop of Paris who had refused Christian burial to Colette.

But perhaps the most astonishing furor in which he was involved was the campaign of vilification launched on him by a bruised Haitian government after the film version of *The Comedians* — which represented Papa Doc Duvalier's island as a hell of political murder, corruption, voodoo and torture — had produced a dramatic slump in the country's tourist trade. In a publication entitled *Graham Greene Finally Exposed* the Duvalier regime riddled with charges that Greene was a "criminal" and a "pervert". François Duvalier even went to the lengths of suing Greene in a French court for ten million francs and won his case (local government damages of only one franc). Several years later, Greene returned to the attack with a challenge to Duvalier's son and successor, Jean-Claude, to release named political prisoners as a sign of his good faith. This request was not acceded to.

*J'accuse, the dark side of Nice*, echoing Zola, was another dramatic piece of intervention in public matters from Greene, this time in the South of France where he had settled. He castigated the government, police and the judiciary of the resort as venal, corrupt and malevolent. This book was banned by those same authorities and *J'accuse* cost Greene libel damages of several thousand francs in a French court.

Graham Greene was from 1940 to 1941 literary editor of *The Spectator*, and then went on special wartime service for the Foreign Office to Sierra Leone, which provided suggestive material for *The Heart of the Matter*. He was a director of the publishing firm of Eyre and Spottiswoode from 1944 to 1948, and later of The Bodley Head. He travelled extensively, was in Prague during the communist coup of February 25, 1948, spent some time in Vietnam and visited Israel after the Six Day War.

He was made a Companion of Honour in 1966, and a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in 1969. In 1986 he was appointed a member of the Order of Merit. In 1970 he had resigned from the American Academy of Arts and Letters as a protest against American involvement in Vietnam. He deplored the American invasion of Panama in 1989; he had been a close friend of President Torrijos (who was killed in a plane crash in 1981) and had an enduring affection for the country. He had a daughter and a son.

## Habgood condemns 'mischievous untruth' over Anglican beliefs

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of York has condemned as dishonest those who claim it does not matter what a person believes to belong to the Church of England.

Dr John Habgood, writing in the York diocesan newspaper *Seev*, says: "Twice in recent months hostile columnists in the national and the local press have stated that for membership of the Church of England it does not really matter what a person believes. This is a mischievous untruth."

He says the faith of all churches is grounded in the scriptures. Most churches accept the creeds as providing the authoritative interpretation of the scriptures on matters such as the doctrine of the Trinity and the nature of Christ.

Most churches have a further set of documents which provide "a kind of primer for



Dr John Habgood: Charges are simply dishonest

Christian believing and living." In the Church of England, these are the Thirty-nine Articles and the Book of Common Prayer, he says.

"A church like our own, which for centuries was accepted as the normal vehicle for articulating faith in a broadly Christian nation, can

exist for a long time without having to think too much about its faith or spell it out more clearly. This is one of the main reasons why Anglicans have not been too concerned with doctrinal definition."

He says the need for definition has increased as society has changed and familiar Christian assumptions have been questioned.

Dr Habgood argues: "To suggest that in the face of these pressures the Church of England is losing its grip on its doctrinal position is preposterous. To many Christians outside it, it is not the radicalism of the Church of England which worries them but its immobility."

## Luncheon

**Rotary Club of London**  
The Polish Ambassador was inducted as a rotarian by Mr Nick Tush, President of the Rotary Club of London, at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. He was introduced by Sir Sigmond Sternberg and Miss Sheila MacLennan was the guest speaker.

## Admiral Sir Frederick Parham

A memorial service for Admiral Sir Frederick Parham will be held in the church of St Mary Magdalene, West Lavington, on Saturday, April 27, at noon.

## Lady Guise

A memorial service for Lady Guise will be held in Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday, April 18, at 2 pm.

## Judge retires

Judge Best retired yesterday from the circuit bench on the Western circuit. His Honour Giles Best, aged 65, was appointed a circuit judge in 1975.

## Secret dog-eaters of ancient Japan exposed

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL remains from two Japanese excavations have contradicted the view that the Japanese refrained from eating land mammals after the introduction of Buddhism in the sixth century AD. "There are many admissions in laws from the seventh century onwards not to kill or eat animals," Mr Matsui says, and "the archaeological record indicates that the amount of animal bones recovered decreased in comparison with those from the Jomon and Yayoi periods prior to AD 300."

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The bones from Kussodengen, however, show that the townspeople ate a wide range of mammals, birds, reptiles and, of course, fish, he says. "The most striking fact is that their principal protein was obtained from dog meat. More than 80 per cent of the mammal bones came from dogs."

"It is clear that the dogs were used for food, because many of the bones had butchering marks and some bore indications of being charred. These food habits are not seen in any written records because meat consumption was officially prohibited."

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# Poet of the provincial

AN ELDERLY gentleman runs out of puff in the street. No shame attached — it's hot and he has a couple of well-stuffed shopping bags. A much younger man observes his discomfort, crosses the road and helps him home. Gratitude doesn't come easily to retired solicitor Ernest Stapleton, but he manages to invite his rescuer in for coffee. He discovers that Tony Clark is a newcomer to Beechnall, in digs with Mrs Mackenzie at 19, Mandalay Grove, a short walk from the posh boys' high school, where he has just taken up a post in the English department. Half a century separates the two men. Scholarship is all that unites them, until they are joined in Mr Stapleton's kitchen by his daughter, Jennifer Hope, a formidable woman. An accountant by profession, fiercely independent by nature, and currently free from emotional attachments, she takes a shine to the young beak. As a result, Clark is catapulted into Beechnall's smart set. Colleagues such as Thompson and Frensham are jealous when they discover he has been invited to the Pearsons' barbecue. Hugh Pearson may be no more than a colleague, but his wife's family is decidedly grand. Even the Head's nose is out of joint (his invitation to one of Lady Clarissa's barbecues was never repeated), so the new boy has to tread warily. Fortunately, Clark is a natural courtier. What with one thing and another, the Christmas term passes pleasantly. The loss of Clark's old girlfriend being balanced by new friendships and a growing feeling of being accepted as part of the Beechnall furniture. It is in the New Year that things start going less smoothly. Relationships become taut, then fraught. Two of the pillars of Tony's brave new world collapse, and his whole cosmos trembles before a kind of peace is reached.

With 30 novels to his name, Stanley Middleton remains a remarkable writer. "Bedrock" he may be, and implacably domestic, to use Bernard Levin's phrase. A craftsman, too, who could no more produce a pot boiler than he could fashion a bodice ripper. His books are surprisingly eventful, and what has always distinguished Middleton from other "reliable" writers is the insight and love with which he explores the motivation of even the humblest characters involved in the stirring deeds. I do not expect to read a more satisfactory novel this year.

John Nicholson

BEGINNING TO END

By Stanley Middleton

Hutchinson, £12.99

HUNTERS AND GATHERERS

By Geoff Nicholson

Hodder & Stoughton, £13.99

SPLINTERS

By Erica Heller

Chapmans, £13.99

Erica Heller also seeks to undermine some cherished beliefs in Splinters — such as our belief in leopards' ability to change their spots. Or, to get down to specifics, for Charlie Bamberg, celebrated playwright and former husband of New York copywriter Stevie Bamberg, to abandon the habits of a lifetime and start showing a little more sensitivity than that displayed by your average autistic warthog. These sentiments are, of course, all too familiar to observers of contemporary mores. Nor is it only in Manhattan that ageing media men and other forms of male creative life resort to Don Juanism to revive flagging libidos. Miss Heller homes in on her target with wit as well as relish. And she struggles womanfully to avoid tempering her assault with anything that could be construed as charity.



William Cooper (Harry Summerfield Hoff), our amiably acerbic observer of scenes from provincial, married, metropolitan, and later life the way we live now, strikes us

# Old gents locked in hostility

Anthony Quinton on a spiky roman à clef about modern pretty identifiable great and good and glitterati

THE novel of literary exhumation, the fictional account of a posthumous revision of the way a writer is viewed, is an attractive genre. It appeals to writers as a very direct pretext for concentrating on their own professional concerns and even, perhaps, an expedient for coming to terms with anxiety about what a later generation will make of them. It offers readers many of the pleasures of the more domestic kind of detective story — distinguishing the innocent from the guilty, disclosing the reality behind appearances — without the implausibility of a body with its throat cut in the country house library. Two fine examples are Nabokov's *The Eye* and the first of his lightly coded, cosmetic autobiographies — and Robert Neumann's insufficiently remembered *The Inquest*.

*Immortality At Any Price* is a welcome new addition to a category which, at its outer edges, can just accommodate *The Aspern Papers* and *Humboldt's Gift*. It is light in weight but extremely deft and notable for its genial freedom from rancour. Cledwyn Horsfall (life peer) was the leader of a trio from the Welsh Borders who went on to make good. He, and a less famous shadow of himself, Ellis Gotham, made names as economists and novelists. Horsfall went on to advising at 10 Downing Street and, after that, to jet-borne public activity. The third of the three is Frank Protheroe, writer of best-selling royal biographies. Horsfall has died and a colourless young man is being encouraged to write his biography.

James Cole makes Nicholas Jenkins look like Long John Silver. When he does talk he relies on metaphorical clichés, about which the other characters take him up sharply. But he serves his turn, less as a digging implement than as a basin into which the infuriated confidences of members of Horsfall's circle are poured. Everything comes out

IMMORTALITY AT ANY PRICE

By William Cooper

Stclair-Stevenson, £13.95

Horsfall's long-term mistress, to whom he soon returned after marriage, his rage at not getting the Nobel Prize, the OM or even the CH; his shady financial speculations on the basis of inside knowledge gained in an official position; his underhand sabotage of the hopes of his friends for advancement; his involvement in homosexual activities when young (without the excuse of a boarding school education).

The book is provided with a dust-jacket on which William Rushton has depicted, in his efficient but unpleasantly caricatural fashion, the three mutually hostile Welshmen. His picture shows that, unlike most dust-jacket artists, he has read the book.

Horsfall's side-whiskers feature strongly; Gotham wears a blue corduroy suit which figures emphatically in the text. More to the point, it lends support to the hypothesis that Horsfall is some kind of version of C. P. (Sir Charles, Lord) Snow. Turn chemist into economist and most of the objective, publicly avowable data correspond. William Cooper himself, is still a discernible (if a distant) model for Gotham: the splendid novels of provincial Bohemianism of the first become the novels of provincial campus life of the second. I have a theory about the original of Protheroe but I think it would be wise to keep it to myself.

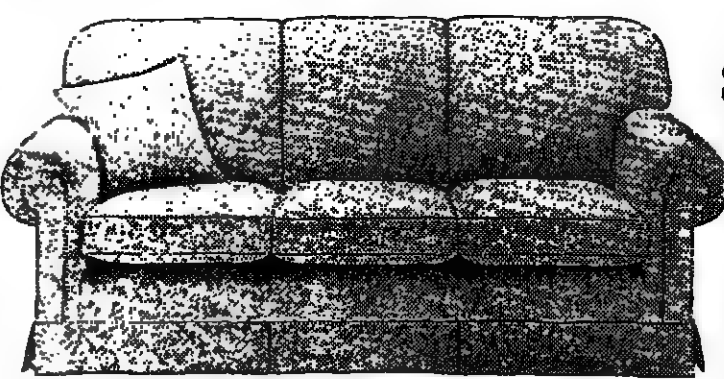
Despite the intrinsically constraining effect of its form, the book is a little desultory. There is an intriguing crackle of aggression and sexual interest in the relations between the narrator and his cousin, a libel lawyer, handsome, but 20 years his senior, who is

encouraging him to write Horsfall. But nothing can then there is a weekend the country cottage of a medievalist, a ripe old bit of "my dear" and "amais" after this one appearance stage he is not seen again.

A great strength of the vividness and accuracy detail. James meets the Gay Hussar and the cold cherry soup and a bit of goose, a kind of H. Cassoulet. Beause de V just rears its sugary is cousin's husband, a advertising executive, James the Julia, Schnab just bought, poor boob, eroc on the other hand, I real picture: one is described — "a bright blinding pool, with one na swimming in it and (Hockney himself?) wate from the side".

William Cooper, 40, his wonderfully refresh from *Provincial Life*, same economy and pro ism as ever.

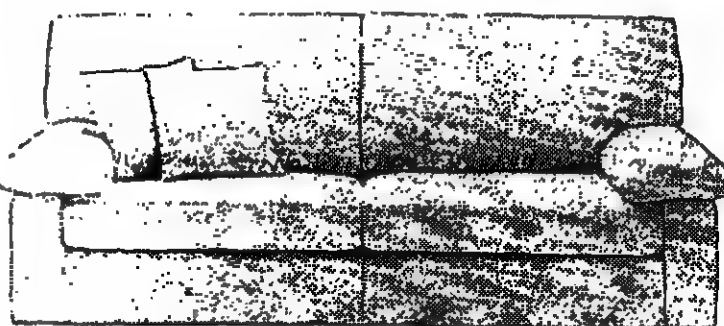
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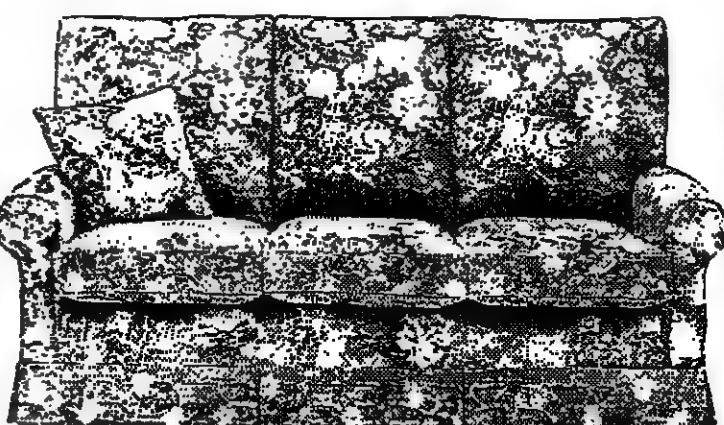
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# Old Galahad of mean streets

PARKER's last effort into Chandler-land, the completion of the Master's barely started *Poodle Springs*, was clever enough but unsatisfying. Perchance to Dream is Parker's sequel to *The Big Sleep*, courageously using original Chandler for the flashback sequences. Not much has changed. General Sternwood has died, but his butler Norris still butles and daughter Vivian still slinks huskily, while daughter Carmen, responsible for much of the mayhem in *The Big Sleep*, has been put away in a sinister sanatorium for nymphomaniacs. But she goes missing, and Philip Marlowe is hauled back to find her. Still the seedy but brave Launcelet, he plunges into a morass of southern Californian vice, including a ghastly murder.

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

PERCHANCE TO DREAM

By Robert B. Parker

MacDonald, £13.95

Lots of familiar (and new) friends and villains, a cracking story, and, above all, the nostalgic whiff of dear old, long gone LA, when shamuses were shamuses, when nothing couldn't be solved by four fingers of rye and a slug from a barking 45.

● *Backhand*, by Lisa Cody (Chatto & Windus, £13.99). Hurrah! Anna Lees is back after four years away from the

mean streets of Norring Hill, still headstrong, volatile, aggressively independent, street-sharp witty, soft and beguiling. But bored, with a job which has changed from exciting gumshoeing to little more than selling security systems. Enter Lara Crowther, American toughie business-lady with an interest in a talented clothes designer whose designs have been ripped off, and whose teenage daughter has flown off with an older crook. The trail takes Anna to a Florida tennis club and into unexpected violence, handled with cool panache. A fizzing return.

● *Birth Marks*, by Sarah Duman (Michael Joseph, £13.99). Carolyn Hamilton, a young ballerina, disappears; her mentor hires Hannah Wolfe,

private eye, to trace Carolyn. She is found eight months pregnant. Thames. A mysterious asks Hannah to enquire into the last few months. She Carolyn's journey, depressing teaching, second rate dance p life in a French châteaux the mega-rich. Carolyn nancy becomes the both the mystery at nah's own ambivalent about relationship motherhood. Hannah person, wise and lacking in confidence making up for it in effort and conscient nant's barbed observa life and men and thing wrong are a delight: gent, extremely well and compassionate.

# Myth from Mars

LET there be a reverent hush in which to bear witness and mix testimonials. This publishing resurrection is of *The Book of Genesis* for the hippy movement of the Sixties — one of the most influential science fiction books ever. More so even that *The Lord of the Rings*, it changed life on campus and affected deaths off it. First published in 1961, by one of SF's golden age greats, its ideas heralded sexual permissiveness, spoke of universal pantheistic love, and became dreadfully mutated in the cult of Charles Manson, whose "family" was responsible for the Sharon Tate murders.

A re-reading — with the addition of originally cut wordage — proves it to be a book without a crime on its conscience. Other than a certain pseudo-naïve talkiness. Valentine Michael Smith is the first man from Mars to fall to earth: telekinetically he can move mountains; legally, he is the sole owner of the red planet. At first an idiot savant, he is shunted around by political and religious forces.

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND

By Robert A. Heinlein

New English Library, £15.99

assembly of rituals and ritual-words, which the hippies were to adopt, achieve a fascinating faith for the faithless. It's a book that intends satire, but means kindly. What mars it is the fog of whimsy which dampens some spectacular moments. How could its nudist romps ever have shocked? They're too much like jolly chest-wobblers from ancient naturist movies.

Because of that it could never make it as SF's *Candide*, but it is still, for all its cunningly rough-hewn narrative, a devious book about the way we live now — too clever for those who took the style but not the substance as its message.

Certainly, there are enough myth-making and born-again traditions, to make a new religion as some tried to do. Thankfully Robert Heinlein himself never went along with that sort of thing. Perhaps he realised that once SF writer gone wild walkabout — L. Ron Hubbard with Scientology — was enough.

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## CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

# Not just another dirty story from New York City

Geoff Brown on Sidney Lumet's police drama *Q & A*, plus *Tatie Danielle*, *Quigley Down Under* and *The Big Steal*

Ethnic communities and minorities should note that words are not minced in Sidney Lumet's *Q & A* (18, Warner West End). Most of the abuse ("Wop, spic, nigger, faggot") pours from Nick Nolte, stomping over the scene with electrifying nastiness as Lieutenant Mike Brennan of Manhattan's 34th Precinct, dubbed by a colleague as "equal opportunity racist": he hates everybody.

Brennan, the Precinct's tough guy — he is always, he boasts, "first through the door, the window, the skylight" — gets the plot rolling by ruthlessly shooting a Latin-American drug dealer through the head. Justifiable homicide, Brennan pleads; but the assistant district attorney assigned to sweep the case under the carpet (Timothy Hutton, forever the bland young idealist) finds the label does not fit. Investigations stretch from the D.A.'s office to New York's underworld: corruption and deep-seated racism are found at every turn. (Lumet's script draws on a novel by Edwin Torres, a Supreme Court judge in New York State; the characters are true, Torres claims, even if the story-line is fabricated.)

Any average director would have turned this material into a bullet-ridden, tyre-screaming movie for the Saturday night crowd. Lumet wants something different. He wants to make us ponder philosophically on the horror and sadness of the urban whirlpool. He shoots many scenes from the middle distance in static takes, allowing actors to chew at length upon tortuous dialogue with the bite and obscurity of genuine street talk. This is not fiction, the off-beat shouts, this is raw reality. Hutton may seem too wet behind the ears for an assistant D.A., who spent time as a New York cop, yet the context rings true. Nolte's vicious energy pushes all his scenes onto a knife-edge; while Armand Assante gives his wilted career a terrific boost with his silky portrayal of the

volatile Bobby Texador, another drug dealer facing Brennan's wrath. Unfortunately, as the drama unfolds, the reality Lumet strives for as director begins to be smeared with Hollywood sauce from Lumet's script-writer. Convention dictates there must be a woman among the big boys. The niche is capably filled by Lumet's own daughter Jenny. Hollywood sauce drips onto the main plot, slowing its pace, rendering perfunctory the final rush of revelations, bloodshed and despair.

Such flaws perforce put *Q & A* below the level of Lumet's other forays among New York cops, *Serpico* and *Prince of the City*. But this remains a film to reckon with: intelligent, abrasive, dynamically performed: a life-raft on the

**Nick Nolte's vicious energy pushes all his scenes onto a knife-edge**

movie industry's ocean of pap. Vitriol also courses through the French film *Tatie Danielle* (15, Screen on the Hill, Metro and Cannon Chelsea), from the team who made *Life is a Long Quiet River*. (The director, Etienne Chatiliez, is interviewed by David Robinson, below.) *Tatie* (Auntie) Danielle, in her early eighties, raises spunkiness to a fine art. She bullies, convives, plays up her modest infirmities, and wears her aged housekeeper's sagged. When the latter falls to her death during the chandelier, the ogle moves from the provinces to live with her Paris relatives — a good-hearted, blandly middle-class family. Danielle tries everything to infuriate them — kicking the dog, insulting the cooking, wetting the bed — but they still treat her with kid gloves. Danielle meets her

match when the family takes a holiday, leaving her to the mercies of Sandrine, a tough young cookie who takes no nonsense.

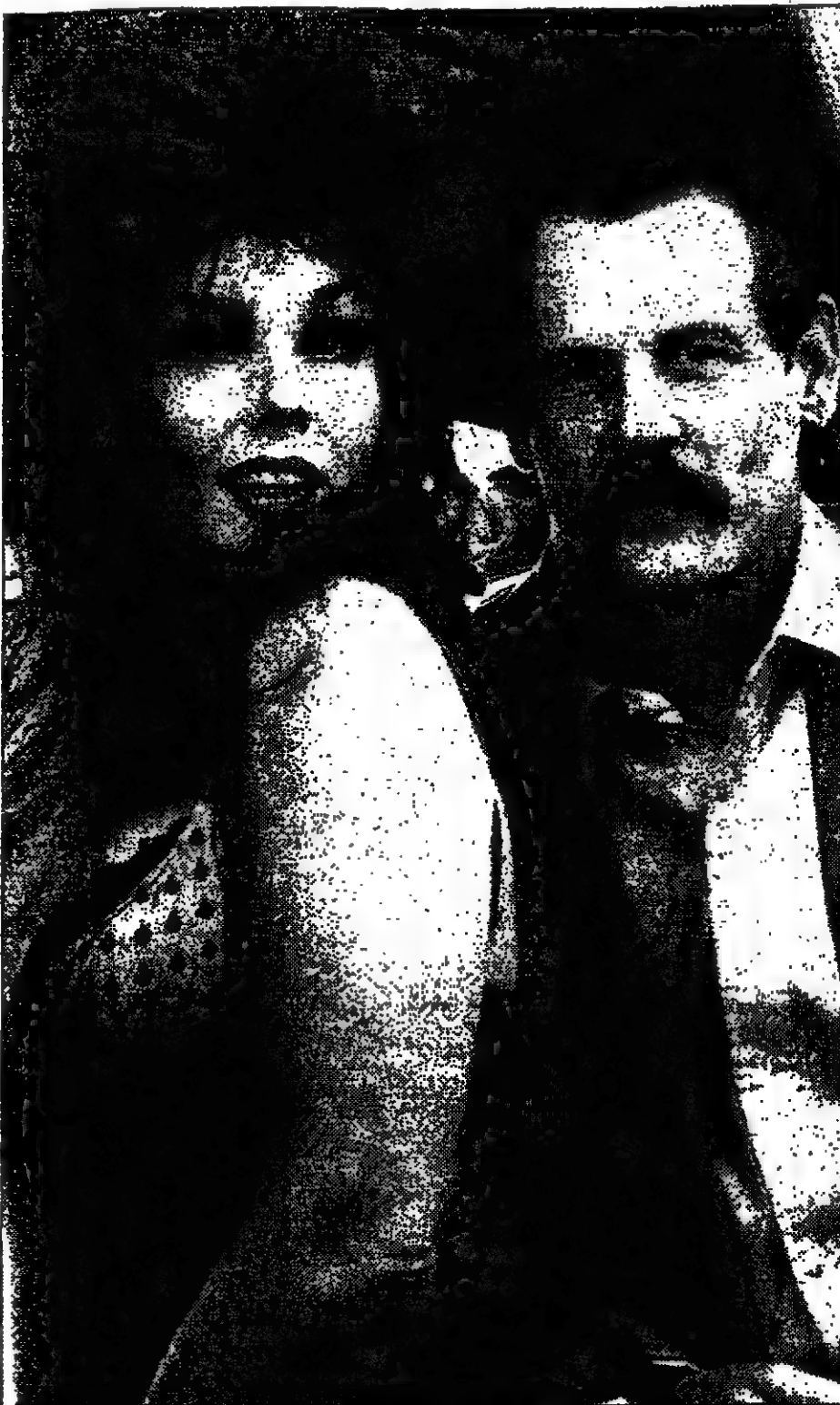
The film's portrait of old age is strongly satirical, but sympathy creeps in at the edges to prevent the old aunt seeming simply hateful. As Danielle, Tsilla Chelton, a veteran stage performer, twinkles with malevolence, sliding with ease from a sweet old lady's smile to a hag's evil leer; yet she lets us see from time to time the abject loneliness lying behind the malice. Other characters — cartoons by comparison — are deftly handled: Neige Dolisy, another veteran, is especially touching as the devoted housekeeper.

Superficialities creep into Florence Quentin's script, partly because the crucial relationship with Sandrine is hurried. We are supposed to see one loveless, battered soul making contact with another; we only see a tart, agreeable film lurching off the rails.

Last seen in suit and specs in *3 Men and a Little Lady*, Tom Selleck now comes before us with moustache, goatee, a six-foot rifle and his old genial swagger, riding the outback of the 1860s in *Quigley Down Under* (12, Cannon Haymarket and elsewhere). Simon Wincer's film is a western of sorts, though despite the novel Australian setting, the script ransacks the fallen genre's rubble without much thought to rebuilding.

Here once again is the maverick hero, a crack marksman and champion of the underdogs, whether distressed damsels or persecuted natives. Here is the snarling villain, over-played by Alan Rickman, dressed in black for easy reference. Here is love by the campfire and the gunfight finale, shot from above to add myth and class.

Give credit where credit is due. Selleck turns in a likeable performance as the roving American sharp-shooter thrown onto the outback's mercies after a difference of



Long arm of the law's informant: Nick Nolte and an underworld source in *Q & A*

opinion with Marston, his cattle-rancher boss. Laura San Giacomo, the sex, lies & videotape squire, squeezes tender feelings from her role as Quigley's outback companion, a traumatised widow. But they remain trapped by cardboard surroundings and obvious dialogue. As hero and villain assume stand-off positions, Selleck observes, "This isn't Dodge City, and you ain't Bill Hickock." No sirree. Rule number 23 of film criticism: beware any comedy whose characters doze each other with fire extinguishers during *The Big Steal* (15, Cannon Haymarket and elsewhere), the latest creation from the Australian team of

director Nadia Tass and writer/photographer David Parker. Luckily, most of the jokes — modest in size, worthy at best of a chuckle or snort — stem from cars, fumbling teenage love and adult chicanery.

As with their first international success, *Malcolm*, Tass and Parker pursue a vein of light whimsy that recalls not so much Ealing's great comedies as the milk-and-water imitations that clogged British cinemas during the Fifties. In order to impress his girlfriend, the 18-year-old hero — a babe in arms next to the street-wise teenagers of American movies — buys a Jaguar car from an unscrupulous dealer. When the

engine dies, the dealer and both sets of parents become sucked into his revenge.

This is not much plot for a film of the Nineties that stretches to 100 minutes; early scenes, in particular, potter along as though the director had the whole day to engage her audience. Ben Mendelsohn, previously in *The Year My Voice Broke*, spins a thin whirl of charm as the hero in a pickle, though his character is an aggravating mouse. Then Steve Bisley arrives as the car dealer, all sharp teeth and patter: he cannot escape the script's shallow humour, yet his role, at least, is punched home with a polish and bounce that gives *The Big Steal* a big lift.

## BRIEFING

## Greek revival

LIVING architects are more likely to attract abuse than admirers; dead ones often become the centre of cults. Perhaps the passage of time allows corrections to perspective, or perhaps (as cynics might believe) familiarity accustoms us even to caruncles. There can be no question of the pre-eminence of the work of Alexander "Greek" Thompson (1817-1875), responsible for the look of many of Glasgow's finest tenements and commercial buildings, but his memory has so far been neglected in comparison with that of his fellow Glaswegian, Charles Rennie Mackintosh. An attempt to redress the balance is to be made at a public meeting next week. In the city's finest surviving Thompson interior, the St Vincent Street church, at 6.30pm on Tuesday, Gavin Stamp hopes to launch the Alexander Thompson Society. An appropriate date, April 9 was Thompson's birthday.

## No Norman

JESSYE Norman has withdrawn from the world premiere of Sir Michael Tippett's setting of W.B. Yeats's poem, *Byzantium*, composed specially for her and due to be unveiled by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Sir Georg Solti on April 11. The premiere is a central part of the concerts marking the end of Solti's reign as music director in Chicago. Norman has given her reasons as "personal". There is disquiet in some quarters that, having had the score for over a year, she left her decision so late. Faye Robinson, the soprano who takes over from Norman, is renowned as a



Solti saying farewell without Norman

Tippett specialist and is already signed up for the European premiere at the Proms later this year.

## Danced off her feet

BRIAN Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa*, which moved to the West End (Phoenix, Charing Cross Road) a week ago last Monday, is about to lose Anita Reeves, the one cast member to receive an Olivier award nomination, for her performance as the high-spirited Maggie. Reeves leaves the production, which came from Dublin's Abbey Theatre by way of the National, at the end of April in order to recover from an ulcer; Sorcha Cusack has been signed to replace her.

## Volley of paint

THE dancing sportsmen and women performing *Opera Sport*, in Leicester this weekend (featured on this page on Tuesday) are apparently not the only examples of art and sport intermingling. This time the Pilkington Glass International Ladies Tennis Championships — the traditional Eastbourne warm-

up for Wimbledon — will have an artist-in-residence. The Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne is inviting applications from artists who will work in an on-site studio for the duration of the championships, recording the graceful volleys of the Grabs and Sabatins for display the following year. South East Arts and East Sussex Council are funding the residency.

## Last chance...

SMART conducting from Carlo Rizzi and engaging performances from a young cast have turned a stop-gap revival of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* into one of the bright spots in the Covent Garden season. Jennifer Larmore is a mezzo Rosine of unusual brilliance and range, and one who offers as much charm and sentiment as wit. Franco Le Roux, soon to appear here in the title role of Harrison Birtwistle's new opera, *Gawain*, and makes a genial, likely-led Figaro. The final performance of the season is tonight at the Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066).

## CINEMA: INTERVIEW

## Funny old woman, living beyond her meanness

Etienne Chatiliez, director of *Tatie Danielle*, talks to David Robinson

At 38, Etienne Chatiliez still has the look of the school athletics team, with cascading blond hair and rather swash-buckling casual clothes. Last week he was on his way to Japan for a promotional tour of his new film, *Tatie Danielle*, which opens in London tomorrow (see Geoff Brown's review, above). Most directors dislike these publicity chores: for Chatiliez they seem still to offer some novelty.

*Tatie Danielle*, a black comedy about an outrageous, ungrateful and lonely old lady, is his second film. His first, *Life is a Long Quiet River*, was a runaway box-office success in France and abroad. "I didn't

at first get any kick or surprise out of that. I thought it was just normal, that it always happened that way. Then people began to explain that I was very lucky.

"*Life is a Long Quiet River* was an easy one to start with because I was working with kids. They didn't know anything about movies and neither did I, so we were on the same level. It was certainly easier than working with, say, Catherine Deneuve. Famous people kill you when you don't know anything about anything."

Chatiliez has his own company and co-produces his films. "Setting up the first film is never easy, but I was lucky to find a producer who believed in it and loved it and did not want to change everything. You have to find someone who says, 'I like it', and that is the end of the discussion. It is better to go wrong doing something you think is right than to compromise and do what other people persuade you to do, and still be wrong."

Trying to assess his own character provokes a lengthy

discussion of the right translations of "méchant" and "mauvais esprit". "Tatie Danielle is méchante. I am 'de mauvais esprit'. She's mean; I'm... wicked, I suppose, is the word." He settles for "mischievous".

"She is absolutely mean. She really concentrates on tormenting people. I don't identify with Tatie Danielle, but she makes me laugh. She's pushing people all the time. She's smart. That's what's fun about her."

"I quite admire her, because she is in her way honest, whereas her awful family are blind hypocrites in the way they refuse to admit the truth to themselves, even about Tatie. It is no accident that the wife is a beautician."

Chatiliez seems to specialise in awful families. *Life is a Long Quiet River* contrasted the odiously pious, bourgeois Le Quenoys and the outrageous delinquent Grosclilles. (The two families tangle when it emerges that a maternity home mixed up their babies years ago.) In *Tatie Danielle*, the Billards ("jumped-up, pretentious people, not even real bourgeois like the Le Quenoys") rashly give a home to this terrible old lady.

"No, my family weren't awful at all. They were very nice, bourgeois, but very liberal. We got on well." Chatiliez's career is uncomplicated. He went straight from school into advertising, and from copywriting drifted into directing commercials.

"Making commercials has not really influenced my work, except to give me confidence in handling a crew and feeling I am the director. I am not Alan Parker or Ridley Scott or Hugh Hudson. My commercials were never about beauty, never aesthetic. They were always comedies, with actors. I like it when people talk and act; and most of the time commercials don't do that."

His script collaborator, Florence Quentin, was his assistant on the commercials, and had also been assistant to Maurice Pialat. "We found we think the same way and laugh at the same things. It is a real collaboration. I sit with her



Tsilla Chelton in the title role of *Tatie Danielle*

when she writes, adding my own ideas; and she is on the set when I direct."

The idea of *Tatie Danielle* came from Quentin: she based it on the experiences of a family and a terrible old lady she had known. "This one isn't about families, though, but about loneliness," says Chatiliez.

He insists that in France there is no disadvantage in working without stars. "What interests an audience is a story. If the film is bad and the story is not interesting, the public will reject it, even if it has Depardieu."

Both *Life is a Long Quiet River* and *Tatie Danielle* have been sold to American companies for English-language remakes. "America is the only country in the world that has to remake a film to make it acceptable to the audience. Of course you never know if the

film will actually be made. They have been working on the script of *Life is a Long Quiet River* for 18 months, writing and rewriting ten times.

"Of course it inhibits distribution of the original film. Everybody thinks we make a fortune out of it, but they don't pay much. At least you are sure of getting your money, though. More sure than waiting for money from distribution."

Chatiliez does not feel particular artistic links with contemporary French cinema. "There are a lot of people I like, but we don't think or work the same way. I feel more sympathy with the French cinema of 30 years ago. I really began to make films because there was nothing that looked like the film I wanted to see, so I thought that the only way was to make it myself. Which I did."

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**6.00** The Channel Four Daily

**9.26** The Poetry Book: Paul Scofield reads *Splash Hatto* by Robert Southey

**9.30** California Off Beat: Wayne Freedman takes a further look at California eccentricities (1)

**0.00** The Horse in Sport: The first of a series of seven programmes on how horses are used in modern sport: eventing; dressage (1)

**1.00** Freggie Hears: Are Scotland's Caerlog mountains under threat from slurs, stalkers, wildlife and 'grexit'? Hannah Gordon narrates (1)

**2.00** Noah's Ark: Wildlife in and out of the great American met (1)

**2.30** Business: First presented by Susannah Simon

**3.00** Sesame Street: With our Lena home

**3.20** On the March: Looking at the history of the pioneering cinema magazine *The March of Time*, and some of the stories screened in 1923, its first year (1)

**2.23** Film: *The Bowery* (1933) b/w. Bristleless action comedy set in New York's Bowery in the 1930s with Wallace Beery and George Raft as rival saloon owners, helped and hindered by Jackie Cooper and Fay Wray. Directed by Raoul Walsh

**4.10** Belgica: *Magna*. Short film exploring Belgium's mysterious underground caves (1)

**4.30** Fifteen-to-One: William G. Stewart presents a short moving quiz show

**5.00** The Adventures of Tintin: Episode seven of *Shooting Star* (1)

**5.05** The Old Times: Women share how girlfriends, the rise of Hingeat, and the emergence of the Brazilian sex Pix.

**5.10** The Old Times: Will the pangue walk, or is it merely revenge? The audience decides

**5.00** The People's Game: Confirming the history of football which has now moved on from its medieval roots, this is the golden years of 1954 to 1960, with the advent of Pele, Mached, the rise of Hingeat, and the emergence of the Brazilian sex Pix.

**5.15** Gazzia's Soccer School: Football teach - with Eggs and England star Paul Gascoigne

**5.30** Kate & Alie: American comedy series starring Sue in Saint James and Jane Curran (1)

**7.00** Channel 4 News: with Nicholas Owen and Zubair Budhia (Telex)

**5.00** Comment (aired by Weather

**5.00** SpaceShip Earth: A global view via satellite of the world's great river basins and their water culture, and how these affect the lives of the people who live there



**Stop Image but hard to get: Eugene Terreblanche (3.30pm)**

**9.30 True Stories: The Leader, his Driver, and the Driver's Wife.**  
● **CHOICE** Nick Bromfield's irreverent documentary goes to South Africa in search of Eugene Terreblanche, head of the militant white AFB party to whom both Nelson Mandela and P.W. Botha, if not also, are vassals of the Devil. Bloomfield tries to arrange an interview but Terreblanche plays hard to get. After being sold up several times, Bloomfield tries another approach by making friends with Terreblanche's driver, J.P. Meyer. Despite having just spent three months in jail for suspected leniency, Meyer is surprisingly co-operative and quite a character. So is Mrs Meyer, a jovial health visitor who gives out condoms to blacks apparently without incurring AFB wrath. As a running gag Bloomfield, in the role of the Terreblanche interviewee, eventually wears thin, especially as Terreblanche's public utterances, delivered in a Hitler-like rant, say all that needs to be said about the man and his ideology.

**1.10 Film: Garbo Talks (1984)** The British premiere of a low-key but likeable comedy with Anne Bancroft as a lemming if Garbo fan, obsessed with seeing her idol in person before dying. Her son Gilbert (Ron Silver) determines to fulfil his mother's wish and goes to New York to seek out the redemptive star. Directed by Sidney Lumet.

**1.10am East End Story: Gypsies.** Dauling health problems caused by poverty, and poor housing leave local doctors in their everyday work in London's Tower Hamlets. This documentary charts the experiences of 'our Gypsies' and their frustration at their inability to influence the social and economic factors determining their patients' health (1, Ends at 2.10

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**THE MOVIE CHANNEL**  
 @ Via the Marneo Polo satellite  
 1.05pm French Without Tears (1940, 19) w/  
 young Brian (Ray Milland) fights to win a  
 French girl (Jean Seberg) in the comic novel  
 3.00pm The Black Book (1946, 19) w/ Pen  
 and Teresa (John Hodiak) and a French  
 adventure yarn set during the Second  
 World War. Starring Robert Montgomery and  
 Jeanette MacDonald  
 5.00pm Delany Miller (1974) Peter Bogdanovich  
 directed a musical adaptation of the Henry Miller  
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 7.00pm Three O'Clock High (1971) A teenage  
 student upsets the school bully and swears a  
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 9.00pm J. J. (1985) Two inmates come

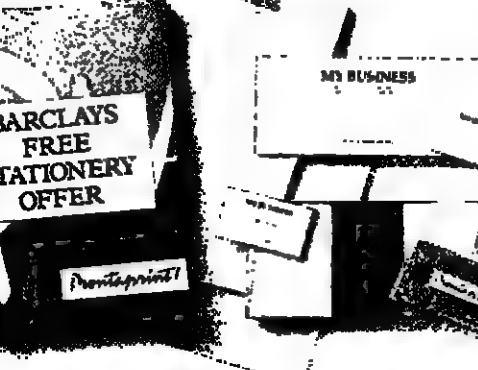
Whitehead and John Kershaw  
 meet with Daniel Day-Lewis. A comedy of  
 11.40 Strain and Biers (1990) Marnie  
 Preminger, Harry Dean Stanton, Melvyn  
 Chrysler and Joan Quigg  
 1.15pm Little Faerie and Big Healey (1970)  
 Healey (Robert Redford) is a motorcycle  
 banned from racing and Fables (Michael J.  
 Pollard) a daydreamer. The two form an  
 unlikely alliance

**THE SPORTS CHANNEL**  
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# Heseltine caps three Tory councils over poll tax

By PHILIP WEBSTER and PAUL WILKINSON

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, yesterday named 14 local authorities, including three Conservative-controlled councils, that are to be capped for setting budgets above the government spending limits.

The first Tory councils to be penalised under the poll tax capping rules are Somerset, Warwickshire and Lang-

baugh, on Teesside. In spite of the anger of the Tory councils, it was a clear attempt to convince voters that while the poll tax lives the govern-

ment will protect them from high-spending. Although the poll tax in its present form is going, it will continue for at least two years while its replacement is prepared.

Capped councils said vital services would be threatened and Labour dubbed Mr Heseltine "unlected mayor of England". Labour said the announcement was further proof that Whitehall was grabbing power from the town halls.

Only three of the 17 councils warned by Mr Heseltine on March 13 that they faced capping have reduced their budgets sufficiently. They are the Conservative-controlled Berkshire, and Doncaster and Barnsley. The remaining 11 capped councils are Labour-

led. They are Basildon, Bristol, Greenwich, Ipswich, Lambeth, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Reading, Stoke-on-Trent and Wirral.

Mr Heseltine is to press ahead with cutting their budgets in spite of the VAT-financed £140 a head cut in the poll tax announced in the Budget. The capping rules apply to council budgets rather than their individual community charges.

Mr Heseltine said yesterday that most authorities had set sensible and realistic budgets but the 14 had set budgets that were excessive or represented too large an increase over the previous year. The councils have 28 days to accept the proposed caps or to put forward clear statements explaining why their budgets should be accepted.

The proposals would cut Lambeth's poll tax, at £590 the highest in the country, to £450. The Budget reduced it to £450 and Mr Heseltine's demand that the council's budget should be cut by £8 million will reduce the charge by a further £48.

Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary, said: "Today's announcement negates accountability and is an act of centralised power outside our experience." The alleged overspending for which the capping had been introduced had been government spending on the poll tax.

Somerset council will discuss the capping next Wednesday, when a decision on an appeal will be made. Warwickshire will also consider an appeal.



An Englishman abroad: Greene in Nice in 1982 and (below left in white trousers) supporting a strike-breaking issue of *The Times* in 1926

## Greene is hailed as the greatest

By SIMON TAIT and JOHN PHILLIPS

GRAHAM Greene was "until today our greatest living novelist", Sir Kingsley Amis said in tribute yesterday.

At 86, Greene was still dedicated to his compulsion, work. He was preparing a study of his own dreams, to be called *A World of My Own*, Max Reinhardt, his publisher and friend for 30 years, said. "He said he was making very good progress with it," Mr Reinhardt said. "He was unhappy unless he was working hard on something."

The literary world has always been puzzled that Greene never won the Nobel Prize for literature. Baroness James, the novelist P.D. James, said: "It has always seemed reprehensible." Mr Reinhardt said Greene had been blocked by a Nobel committee member who had taken a dislike to one of his plays. Greene was, however, "immensely proud to have been awarded the Order of Merit in 1986, even if it was seen as some sort of consolation prize," Mr Reinhardt said.

Sir Alec Guinness, star of the 1960 film *Our Man in Havana*, said: "He was a great

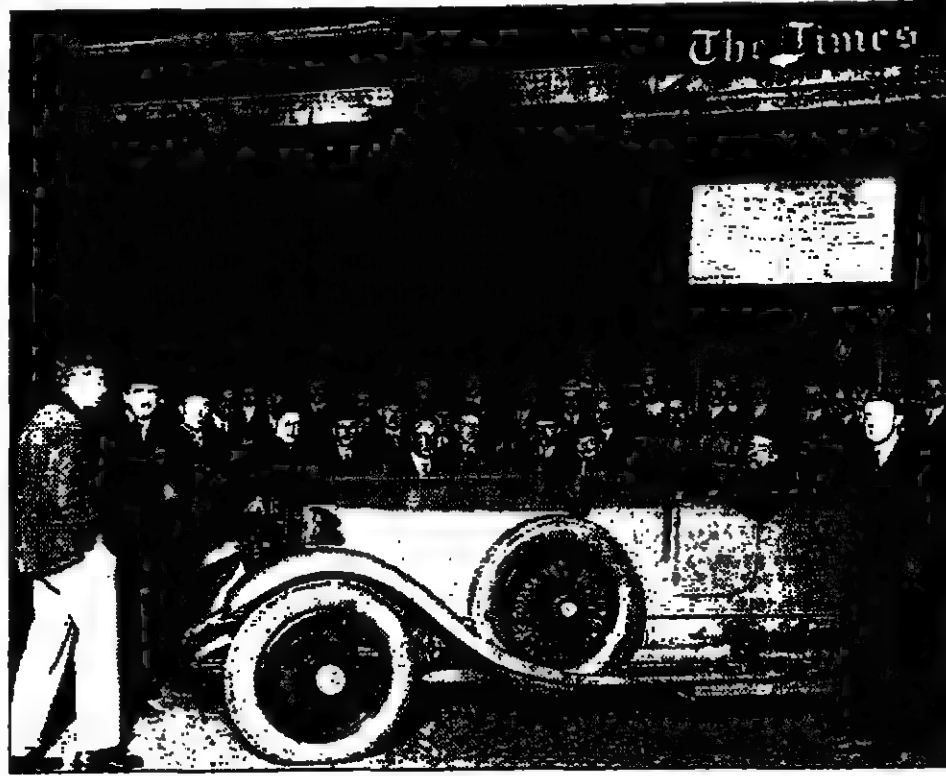
writer who spoke brilliantly to a whole generation. He was almost prophet-like, with a surprising humility."

Auberon Waugh, the novelist and editor of *The Literary Review*, said: "He was a profound influence not just on writers. He was a good man and a confused man who did not always follow logic."

Sir Kingsley said: "He will be missed all over the world. Until today, he was our greatest living novelist." The earlier novels, such as *The Power and the Glory* and *Heart of the Matter*, were classics, he said.

Admiration of Greene among fellow novelists was not unalloyed, however. Anthony Powell, who was at Balliol with Greene, said bluntly: "We remained on good enough terms, but did not like each other's books." John Fowles said: "I am not quite sure he was a great writer, but he was significant for so well reflecting the slightly unhappy soul of this century. He was a great artist, a great narrator and a great story teller."

Greene, once a *Times* journalist, lived at Antibes for



more than 35 years until he sought medical treatment in Switzerland. Clients at a small portside restaurant in the French resort at which Greene was a regular customer raised a glass in his memory yesterday and the proprietor paid tribute to the author's catholic taste in cuisine.

"He knew what he liked," said M. Felix, patron of Chez Felix. "He obviously had his habits. Normally he would eat

a *fôte de veau grillé* with pure or a *filet de bœuf fait à la minute*. He used to come here for lunch practically every day."

Greene had been planning to return to Antibes after Easter, M. Felix said. The writer's apartment was decorated simply with a portrait of himself, a potted shrub and a vast quantity of books. He had little contact with other residents in recent years except

for a tobaccoist from whom he bought English newspapers.

Pierre Merli, mayor of Antibes, said Greene had written to him on March 7, expressing hope of returning to France after living near the Swiss hospital that had treated him since he became ill.

Caroline Bourget, his daughter, said in Switzerland yesterday: "He had a good life, you know."

## Jewish group supplies blacklist

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"very helpful" to the investigation which is hailed in the United States as a major piece of research.

The sources used by the Hussein to procure a and arms for the Iraqis.

He would not say except to describe the variety of private and source including individuals who telephoned the department with information.

But it has become clear the research carried out by Simon Wiesenthal and Kroll Associates played part in the compiling blacklist. Last summer centre commission, with Timmerman, an ex-journalist who was Middle East news in Paris, to carry out a into the use of poison gas Saddam Hussein. His *The Poison Gas Companies* listed 207 companies alleged to have fronts with Iraq as well as other either knowingly or uningly supplied materials in Iraq's chemical armory and the development of nuclear weapons.

The report detailed first time the large German companies in Iraq with chemical technology firms from Germany. It also gave the names of 18 US manufacturers, 17 Austrian, 16 Italian, and 11 Swiss companies involved in the Saddam Hussein.

That report was seen by Cheney, Secretary of Defence in October weeks after the OI's research. Up to 100,000 copies of the report were distributed in the OFAC began work on compiling a list in mid-September.

Various ministers the defence department delighted by the several wrote to the Wiesenthal Centre them for the "valuable" letter signed by Rudman, deputy secretary of defence, security policy, the ment responsible for any defence application.

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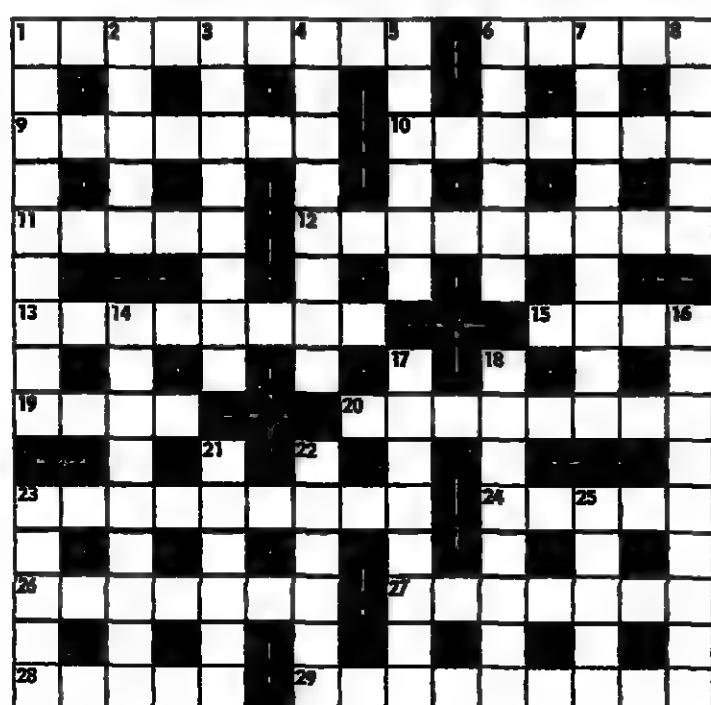
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carried out there," he said. "They exterminated people. Tanks drove over people and corpses." The rebels said they still held the outskirts of the city, but the people were fleeing in terror.

Latif Rashid, of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, said helicopter gunships were strafing convoys of refugees. Phosphorus and napalm bombs were being fired by long-range artillery. Mr Rashid appealed to America and its allies to act.

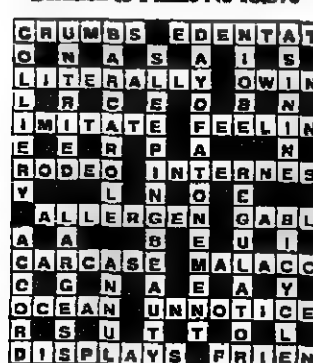
President Rafsanjani of Iran also came close to calling for allied intervention, saying: "It is surprising that they are overlooking such heart-rending tragedies with an air of indifference." But America was adamant that it must stay out of the civil war. "There's no change," an aide to President Bush, who is fishing in Florida, said. "We're satisfied with the policy."

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,571



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Concise crossword, page 15

Today will be unsettled, wet and windy in all areas. Northern Ireland, Wales and western England will begin cloudy with rain, spreading everywhere except northern Scotland by early afternoon. This afternoon and this evening, most areas will be brighter, but still with showers. It will be windy, with gales on southern and south-western coasts and Scottish coasts. Outlook: unsettled, with rain, and windy.

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## Levitt in default of scheme

THE Investors' Compensation Scheme has announced that the Levitt Group and Hershman Rowley have been declared in default. The scheme will write to 30 Levitt investors and 70 Hershman Rowley ones within the next 30 days to establish whether they want to make a claim.

Hershman Rowley was a private client agency stockbroker that went into liquidation in March last year. Levitt was an insurance and financial adviser that went into liquidation in December.

The firm also managed funds for individuals. The Securities and Investments Board announced that the first tranche of the levy to fund the compensation scheme for 1990-1 will be £6.7 million. The two defaults announced yesterday will be included in the second tranche.

## Settlement in swaps dispute

The London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, at the centre of a long-running dispute over the legality of interest rate swaps, has reached an out of court settlement with one of the banks in the case for an unspecified sum.

Hammersmith said the claim from the unspecified bank was for restitution or repayment of monies paid under the swaps. The House of Lords ruled in January that it was illegal for local councils to use interest rate swaps.

Some of the 130 councils involved lost millions of pounds. The ruling left 80 banks apparently powerless to recover losses of between £500 million and £600 million owed by local councils. The settlement yesterday follows a deal last month by Ogwr Borough Council in Wales with Citicorp.

## Builder falls

reg. re-tax profits at Wilson & Co. (Connelly) fell 43 per cent last year to £31.1 million, hit by a 15.2 million write-down in the value of its residential land bank and commercial property portfolio. The final dividend is still being increased to 2.53p (2.3p), making 3.74p (3.45p). *Tempos, page 25*

## US dollar

1.7780 (+0.0075)

German mark 2.9652 (-0.0057)

Exchange Index 92.7 (same)

## STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 2014.2 (+28.3)

FT-SE 100 2519.1 (+30.8)

New York Dow Jones 2947.28 (+2.23)

Tokyo Nikkei Ave 26780.06 (+528.06)

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISSE: Unilever 250p (+15p)

Volvo 123p (+20p)

Amersham 377p (+11p)

Costan 215p (+10p)

Scorpa 'A' 541p (+11p)

TGH 100p (+15p)

Rank Grp 747p (+14p)

BCC 580p (+18p)

Grand West 891p (+12p)

Chemring 565p (+10p)

Bowater 617p (+15p)

British Telecom 359p (+10p)

BCC 464p (+14p)

J Sainsbury 363p (+13p)

Franchise 283p (+24p)

FALLS: Barlow Rand 657p (-25p)

AG Barr 225p (-8p)

SA Breweries 732p (-30p)

Wm Swift 483p (-30p)

Wyndham Eng 31p (-10p)

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## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 12%

3-month Interbank 12% 12%

3-month eligible bill 11% 11%

US Prime Rate 9%

Federal Funds 6 1/4%

3-month Treasury Bill 5.75-5.77%

90-year bond 8.56%

## CURRENCIES

London: New York \$1.7780

£: DM 2.9652

£: Sfr 2.1504

£: FF 10.0813

£: Yen 244.48

£: Index 32.7

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SDR 1.299751

GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$357.85 pm \$359.20

close \$359.20-359.30 (2202.00-2202.50)

New York: Cover \$350.75-361.25

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) \$18.05 bid (\$18.00)

WTI (May) \$18.05 bid (\$18.00)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 130.9 February (1987-100)

\* Denotes latest trading price

# Scottish Hydro plans gas power station in Humberside

By ROSS TIEMAN  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SCOTTISH Hydro, the north of Scotland power group to be privatised in June, plans to lead a consortium that has obtained consent to build a £300 million, 720 megawatt combined cycle gas fired power station on Humberside.

Details of the plan, to be disclosed in the company's prospectus next month, will mark Hydro out as the company likely to provide the sharpest competitive challenge in the British power generation market, with prospects of a strong uplift in revenues. Bouygues, the French construction group, may ultimately emerge as a

partner in the project. John Stansby is deputy chairman of Energy Resources, the company that has obtained planning consent. He is also head of Bouygues' British oil and gas services arm.

Scottish Hydro last night confirmed it is to take a 51 per cent stake in a new company to pursue the development. Energy Resources, chaired by William Law, a North Humberside businessman, will hold 49 per cent.

Records at Companies House in London show past links between Energy Resources and Ogdens of Leeds, which bought a former CEBG coal fired power station at Keadby on the River Trent, which was decommissioned two years ago. The site

already has connections to the National Grid. Discussions to obtain supplies of gas are continuing. Keadby is 13 miles from Killingholme, where PowerGen and National Power are planning to build combined cycle gas fired power stations. The cost of connecting the Keadby site to the British Gas transmission system might therefore be relatively small.

A spokesman for Scottish Hydro said the joint venture company will own the Keadby site. He said there were no immediate plans to seek other partners.

Scottish Hydro has an electricity generating and distribution business serving the north of Scotland with 3,000 megawatts of generating capacity. It already has

a 51 per cent owned joint venture with Northern Electric, the supply company that serves the Northeast of England, to build a 1,000 megawatt combined cycle gas fired power station on Teesside.

In addition, it has the right to supply 300 megawatts of power over the 650 megawatt interconnector that links the Scottish grid with the National Grid in England and Wales. If both power stations are built, and Hydro increases exports to England when the capacity of the interconnector is expanded, the company could supply as much power in England and Wales as it does in Scotland within five years.

Scottish Hydro is well placed to compete in the power market in England and Wales

because it is already experienced at selling into the "pool" or spot market. It will also be one of the first companies to gain experience of operating a gas fired power station.

Work is under way at Peterhead power station in Scotland, which it owns with National Power, to enable the station to run on sour gas from the Miller field in the North Sea. That station will not have the thermal efficiency of the latest combined cycle designs, but it will benefit from one of the cheapest energy supplies in Britain.

Market estimates of Scottish Hydro and Scottish Power's likely combined capitalisation, range from £1.5 billion to more than £2 billion.

# Record close for London stock market

By MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

INVESTORS around the world went on a spending spree yesterday that sent share prices in London soaring to a closing high.

Strong overnight performances in both Tokyo and New York enabled London to maintain the momentum that had enabled it to stage a 50-point turnaround on Tuesday.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 30.8 higher at a record close of 2,519.1, against its previous best of 2,500.3 reached last month. At one stage, the index had been almost 40 points up, coming near its highest-ever trading level of 2,527.1 on March 15th.

Dealers reported buying support from both the United

Kingdom and the Continent. Several of Europe's leading financial centres reported a rush for equities and this was reflected in the Eurotrack 200 Index, made up of leading European companies, excluding British, which posted a rise of 16.28 to 1,164.39.

European investors are taking an optimistic view of the British economy and have been at the forefront of the recent advance of the equity market.

Prices in London closed below their best after Wall Street gave away an early 18 point lead in the Dow Jones average in resumed trading.

But last night dealers in London were telling clients not to become too carried

away with the recent surge in share values. They gave a warning that yesterday's rise was largely technical and that the London market may have peaked. Profit taking is expected to develop as investors rush to cash in on the rise.

By the close of business, an impressive total of 704 million shares had been traded. But this figure had been inflated by a large number of bed and breakfast deals as City institutions established trading losses for tax purposes before the end of the financial year tomorrow.

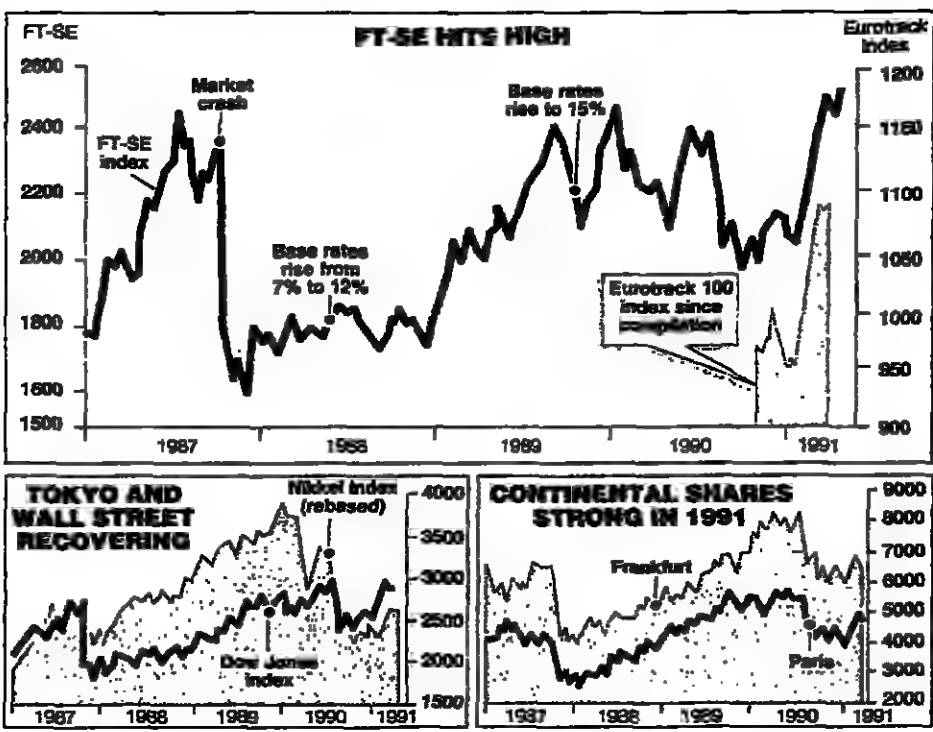
Dealers said share price movements had also been exaggerated by stock shortages after heavy buying of the FT-SE 100 Index future June series on Tuesday. This had caught market-makers out and forced them to mark prices up as they attempted to cover positions.

The strength of the equity market this year has amazed City experts with share prices rising by almost 20 per cent as evidence that the recession has started to bottom out continues filter through.

Several analysts are now forecasting a year-end FT-SE 100 Index of between 2,600 and 2,700, but a note of caution is now being sounded in the Square Mile.

Some brokers say that demands from leading companies for extra funds and upward pressure on German interest rates are likely to take some of the steam out of the market in the short-term.

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## France risks EC wrath over state aid

Firms given Fr8 billion in subsidies

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU  
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FRANCE is to grant massive subsidies to the country's ailing state-owned electronics industry. In a move that will set the country once again on collision course with the European Commission.

Bull, the loss-making computer company that is 93 per cent owned by the state, will receive Fr4 billion in new capital over the next two years, in addition to Fr1.5 billion pledged last year. The capital injection, almost twice as large as expected, is designed to revive the French company, which last month announced a loss of Fr6.8 billion.

Thomson, the state-owned electronics firm, will receive Fr2 billion in new capital this year, and so will Air France, according to yesterday's announcement. Roger Fauroux, the French industry minister, said that the electronics in-

dustry was of strategic importance, as many French companies depended on its success. In addition, the government has decided on a Fr14 billion programme until 1994 for research and development.

George Hall, a spokesman for ICL, the computer company, said: "This level of state aid will only distort the market in the short to medium term, it may also encourage other underperforming companies to seek state intervention; this sort of behaviour flies in the face of the European Community's commitment to establish an open and competitive single market." The company would communicate its view to the British government and the European Commission in a most forceful manner.

France has a long tradition of granting subsidies to its state sector as part of an overall industrial policy, which has clashed with European competition pol-

icy. Last year, the European Commission forced Renault, the French car maker, to repay Fr3 billion in illegal subsidies it had received from the government.

Under EC law, subsidies are accepted only if they lead to a reduction in capacity or are otherwise in the common European interest. The policy on research and development is that subsidies are acceptable if they are geared towards basic research and not specific company projects. The rules are designed to prevent a distortion in competition.

The French government has tried to defuse the situation by emphasising that much of the R&D help would go towards joint European projects. But, M Fauroux is reported to have told his government that France needed to retain its technological independence in this sector.

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Business booming: Tesco's Sir Ian MacLaurin says the company's expansion programme is paying off.

## Tesco lifts payout as profits surge 28%

By MICHAEL TATE  
CITY EDITOR

TESCO's massive investment in new stores and high tech systems is paying off. Profits for the year ended last February surged by 28 per cent to £417 million, lifting earnings by almost a quarter to 16.6p a share, and prompting Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, to raise the final dividend from 2.8p to 3.6p, making 5.3p for the year, up from 4.17p.

Sales climbed from £5.4 billion to £6.35 billion, with half the increase coming from existing stores, where volumes were up 1 per cent on the previous year, and the rest from 20 stores opened during the year.

Tesco spent £952 million during the year, £761 million on its store development programme, and has earmarked a further £950 million for the current year, during which it will open a further 25 stores, increasing selling space by 9 per cent.

Sir Ian said that the strong sales growth, substantially above the industry average, improved Tesco's market share from 8.7 to 9.2 per cent.

As a result of the January rights issue, which raised £572 million from shareholders, the group ended the year with net cash of £177 million, compared with borrowings of £317 million at the end of the previous year.

The European Commission confirmed that the £74 million loan to finance Tesco superstores will carry an interest rate subsidy of 2.5 million euros (£1.73 million) to create 1,279 jobs that could go to former coal and steel workers.

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## Sun Alliance goes into red

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SUN Alliance, Britain's biggest composite insurance group, completed a disastrous insurance results season by revealing losses for last year of £181 million pre-tax, against profits of £319 million in 1989. But a 12 per cent rise in dividend to 14p per share allowed its shares to rise 5p to 387p in a buoyant market.

The losses stem from the freak weather conditions in Britain, where Sun Alliance holds a fifth of the household insurance market and carries less reinsurance than its competitors because of its stronger balance sheet. Weather related losses in Britain amounted to £413 million net

of reinsurance, of which £289 million was on household policies, split almost equally between the storms in January and February and subsidence claims after the dry summer.

The group has also increased reserves against professional liability policies after receiving claims of between £10 million and £20 million from hard-pressed property companies claiming negligence against valuers.

Roger Neville, the chief executive, said: "The result is manifestly unacceptable and we are taking positive action to bring about the necessary improvements." This includes progressively higher

premiums in Britain for household, motor, marine and aviation risks and a cost-cutting programme.

Sun Alliance hopes to return to profits this year, but Mr Neville said that 1991 results were likely to be "well short of an adequate return". The group's net assets remained above £2 billion at the year end and the subsequent rise in share prices has lifted its solvency ratio from 81 per cent to 90 per cent, the strongest in the sector. Worldwide, Sun Alliance made underwriting losses of £351 million (loss of £64 million).

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## UK firms 'looking again to S Africa'

BRITISH firms are preparing to increase trading links with South Africa, according to the Confederation of British Industry.

The CBI said yesterday that business leaders will tell FW de Klerk, the South African president, what should be done to encourage international trade and investment, when Mr de Klerk visits the CBI's London headquarters on April 26.

Neville Thomas, head of the CBI's Africa section, said: "South Africa is a highly valued business partner, with increasing possibilities as the political situation becomes more optimistic, with the dismantling of apartheid." British trade with South Africa is roughly in balance at £1.1 billion in each direction every year. British investment, at about £10 billion, forms 50 per cent of total foreign investment in the country, the CBI said, adding that there are signs that some companies are already putting new money into the country.

Mr Thomas said: "The UK's market share is second only to Germany, but the going could get tougher when the US and Japan lift their sanctions, so UK firms need to strengthen their position now."

### Robertson talks

ROBERTSON Group, the Welsh natural resources consultancy, confirmed that it is in talks that may lead to the offer for the company at 100p a share, compared with yesterday's closing price of 75p, up 7p. This would value Robertson at £31.2 million.

The company, floated in 1987, reported interim profits in December down from £2.74 million to £2.61 million. The dividend was increased from 0.87p a share to 0.95p.

## WTA makes £158m in first year of demerger

By COLIN CAMPBELL

WIGGINS Teape Appleton, demerged from BAT Industries and floated on June 1 last year, believes it has performed relatively well after a year when trading conditions in the pulp market were especially tough.

Pre-tax profits for the year ended December at £158.2 million compare with a pro forma £173.5 million, and net earnings were 20.8p a share against 21.9p a share. As forecast in the prospectus, a final dividend of 5.05p makes 8.35p for the year.

WTA shares, which started stock exchange life at a shade over 212p and fell to 153p in September, rose by 16p to 233p yesterday as analysts viewed profit prospects in 1991 and 1992 with greater enthusiasm than they did in 1990 results.

Stephen Walls, the chief executive, says 1990 was a year of depressed pulp prices and falling paper prices, and that operating results from the group's forestry and pulp subsidiary fell by £15.2 million year-on-year.

There was also a sharp reduction in the contribution from associated companies, principally the Portuguese Soporcel group, the 43 per cent of which WTA is trying to sell, and associated profits dropped by £18.3 million to £7.6 million. WTA is still in talks with several potential buyers, but is sticking to its intended £126 million price for its Soporcel stake. In

December, WTA finalised a merger with Arjomani-Prioux, the French paper group, through which the range of paper products will be considerably increased.

Pro forma results for WTA, incorporating Arjomani, show a turnover of £2.59 billion (£2.42 billion), a pre-tax profit of £259.6 million (£262.6 million), and net earnings of 21.5p a share, compared with 21.3p a share.

The merger creates Europe's most powerful merchanting business, Mr Walls says, and should lead to an enhanced financial performance.

Earlier this week, WTA said that its plans to buy a paper mill in America had run into difficulties, and said the intended \$73 million purchase was now effectively dead.

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Pulp prices depressed: Stephen Walls yesterday

## Treuhand lists huge sell-off

THE Treuhand privatisation agency in Germany has published a book listing 6,000 former East German state firms for sale, but the book costs more than many of the debt-ridden companies in it (Reuter reports from Berlin).

The 600-page directory, part of the Treuhand's campaign to attract buyers and investors for eastern Germany's recovery programme, costs DM320. So far the Treuhand has sold more than 1,000 firms,

with 245 in January and 321 in February, but many for a nominal DM1 book value. It has also begun to liquidate 330 others with the loss of thousands of jobs.

"This book contains as many individual firms and employees as the 25 biggest listed companies in America. It gives an idea of the scale of the task the Treuhand faces," said Jens Odewald, Treuhand supervisory board chairman. The Treuhand, whose presi-

dent, Detlev Rohwedder, was assassinated on Monday, is responsible for 9,000 enterprises that were owned by communist East Germany until unification last year.

"There are nearly four million employees in here," Herr Odewald said, pointing to the soft-back reference work. "That's as many as there are at world giants like Exxon, IBM and AT&T and at the 25 biggest American firms together."

Herr Odewald, who has ruled himself out as a possible successor to Herr Rohwedder, said the former chief executive had planned to present the new directory to the media yesterday.

"It is the Who's Who of the Treuhand," said Theo Waigel, the German finance minister. The book, the *Official Directory of Firms of the Treuhand Agency*, contains addresses and both the new and old names of the companies. But there is no information on debts, sales and the value of property.

"I would obviously be pleased if this weighty book containing all the firms would gradually become slimmer in line with our privatisation and renewal policy," Herr Waigel said.

Hoppenstedt, the book's publisher, said it will be on sale by the end of April with an initial print run of 8,000 copies.

It will also be available on compact disc and as a computer database. The reason there are 6,000 firms in the volume and 9,000 under Treuhand control is that the agency has split some of the large state combines into smaller units.

## Insurance firms 'must pay for mistakes'

By LINDSAY COOK  
MONEY EDITOR

JULIAN Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, has ruled that mistakes made by insurance companies may be binding. The ombudsman reported yesterday that he had dealt with more than 1,900 cases last year and had found for the policyholders in 600 of them.

These included several cases where the insurance company had made mistakes in the documentation. One company quoted a premium of £25 a month when it should have been £95; another policy schedule showed a benefit as payable monthly when the sum should have been paid annually, and a third stated a policy was "with profits" when it should have been "without profits".

Dr Farrand said: "As a rule, people are expected to abide by their mistakes and I have held this rule true for insurers too: in principle, they will be obliged to honour the mistaken version of insurance documentation."

The bureau dealt with an increasing number of complaints from homebuyers sold endowment policies on the understanding that a cheap mortgage would be available. The special mortgages never materialised and, in cases completed, Dr Farrand has ruled that the policy should be cancelled with no loss to the homebuyer.

He said: "I have taken the view that this is a mis-selling of the insurance policy and not the mortgage, and, therefore, can be dealt with by the bureau. It is a problem not just for me, but for the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation as well."

The highest award during the year was for £187,999 in a dispute about the amount of repairs needed as a result of subsidence. The scheme is only binding up to £100,000, but the insurance company agreed to abide by the ombudsman's finding. During the year customers received payments totalling £1.27 million.

In some cases, there had been no material loss, but Dr Farrand awarded compensation for "upset and distress". The highest award in this category was £3,000, paid to a driver who was issued with an "improper" insurance certificate and who was prosecuted and convicted as a result. In other cases, insurance companies have sent "disability counsellors" to see claimants with permanent health policies. The policyholders have been upset that a person they thought was trying to help them had been sent, unannounced by the insurer, to check if they were fit to return to work.

The ombudsman's bureau expects its workload to double this year. It has received 15,000 written enquiries and 20,000 telephone calls. These indicate a caseload of more than 4,000 for the year.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Caparo gives warning after record £15.7m

CAPARO Industries, the engineering and steel products group headed by Swraj Paul, achieved a record pre-tax profit of £15.7 million (£14.1 million) in the year ended December 30 on £229.7 million turnover. Caparo has raised its total dividend from 3.1p to 3.8p a share, but says that the sales slowdown noted in the closing months of 1990 continued into the first quarter of 1991 and that this could affect the year's profits.

British operations generated £12.2 million (£13.8 million) of operating profit and North American activities £7.4 million (£4.14 million). Mr Paul says that fierce competitive conditions are now affecting all of the group's markets, though some improvement in demand is expected in the second half of 1991. Caparo adds that at this stage it seems as if profits for 1991 will be lower.

### BAe issue to raise £150m

BRITISH Aerospace is raising £150 million through an issue of eurobonds at 11.92 per cent. The bonds, which mature in 2008, will provide funding for general corporate purposes. The yield is 215 basis points over the benchmark gilt. Lead managers are BZW and Kleinwort Benson. Hoare Govett Corporate Finance is sponsoring the listing.

### Smurfit buys French firm

JEFFERSON Smurfit Group, the Irish paper and packaging company, has boosted its waste paper recycling operations with the acquisition of CDI (Centre de Dechets Industriels), French waste collection company, for an undisclosed sum. CDI is the second largest French waste paper company and handles more than 400,000 tons a year.

### Bid for Herrburger

HERRBURGER Brooks, the piano parts supplier, confirmed that Kimball International Inc, its American parent which has a 71.1 per cent stake, has made an agreed £220p a share bid for each Herrburger share it does not own. The offer value the whole group at about £2.9 million.

The shares, which last week surged 70p to 195p on a prospect of a bid from Kimball, advanced 15p to 210p. The offer represents a premium of 76 per cent over the mid market quotation of Herrburger Brooks ordinary shares 125p at the close on March 25.

### Chevron sells N Sea stakes

CHEVRON UK has agreed to sell holdings in four North Sea blocks to Arco British, a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. These include 50 per cent stakes in blocks 30/26A, 48/7A and 49/14A, and its 25 per cent stake in 48/9A. No price was disclosed. The sale is subject to the consent of the energy department and Texaco, operator of all four blocks.

### British boost for CMB

CMB Packaging, the Fre paper and packaging group formed in 1989 by merger of Carand, French company, and Bain's Metal Box, reports 12 per cent rise in operational profits last year to £2 billion. The results include Metal Box for the first time in the last three quarters. Turnover was £24.42 billion (£21.32 billion).

## Receivers named

TIM Hayward and Roger Oldfield, partners at KPMG Marwick McLintock, have been appointed administrators receivers at Sheraton Securities, the property company.

Sheraton's shares were suspended last week at 2p, six months after the company was apparently rescued by a million refinancing arranged by SG Warburg. Mr Hay yesterday estimated that Sheraton had liabilities of more than £350 million. Most of Sheraton's 30 staff are to be on to assist the receivers.

## Venture spendin declines by 15%

By JONATHAN PRYNN

INVESTMENT by British venture capitalists fell by 15 per cent in 1990, the industry's toughest year for a decade.

According to statistics from the British Venture Capital Association, £1.39 billion was invested in 1,559 companies last year. This compares with £1.65 billion invested in 1,569 companies during the previous year.

Jonathan Thornton, the chairman of the BVCA's information committee, said

the sharper fall in the venture investments caused by the absence of very large deals seen in 1989, such as Magnet Isocetes. The number of investments was only 0.5 per cent down on 1989.

The concentration on early stage deals was felt most strongly by the management buy-in and buy-outs which their proportion of the invested fell from 61 per cent to 52 per cent. However, actually saw seven more start-ups and other investments were well last year, with 340 actions completed, compared with 321 in 1989. The number of the total number of also slipped, falling from 100 per cent to 26 per cent.

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**Mercury on track**  
MERCURY Communications, part of Cable and Wireless, is "on track" to achieve a positive cashflow in 1992. Peter van Cuylenburg, chief executive, Mercury, trading profit of £49 million the year to March 1990.

## B Midland expands network

By ALICE THOMPSON

ONLY three weeks after Air Europe's collapse, British Midland has said it is expanding its European network.

Britain's second largest carrier will be launching two new Heathrow routes in the late spring, to Palma and to Nice, as well as a new Birmingham-Berlin service. Iberia is the only other operator with a London-Palma service.

British Midland already has services from Heathrow to Dublin, Paris and Amsterdam, and hopes that within three years it will have increased its European network

to 50 per cent of its operations. The company's main aim is to become a leading player in the short-haul market.

British Midland is able to operate the two new Heathrow routes in spite of the brangling over slots, because both services will be relatively low frequency and are able to use a small pool of slots secured from last year's scheduling committee process. The airline is the second largest handler out of Heathrow and holds unused licences to fly to nine other European cities. Attention has been focused

on extending competition on transatlantic routes out of Heathrow. Austin Reid, British Midland managing director, said there is already greater competition on these routes than in Europe and that increased competition on short-haul flights would play a vital role in lowering the costs of British industry.

He said: "We will continue to seek to persuade the government the congestion at Heathrow is undermining competition and preventing a better deal for European air travellers."

## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

**FRIENDLY HOTELS (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £6.01m (£5.04m)  
EPS: 34.8p (30.0p)  
Div: 3p, mkg 6p (3.35p)

**BOXMORE INT. (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £2.74m (£2.31m)  
EPS: 20.2p (16.4p)  
Div: 4.4p, mkg 6.4p

**ASH & LACY (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £5.05m (£4.92m)  
EPS: 13.53p (13.29p)  
Div: 3.9p, mkg 6.4p

**BURFORD HOLDINGS (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £2.65m (£2.29m)  
EPS: 1.5p (1.1p)  
Div: 0.45p, mkg 0.85p

**MOLYND HOLDINGS (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £1.88m (£1.46m)  
EPS: 12.5p (13.0p)  
Div: 2.5p, mkg 3.75p

**NORMAN HAY (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £912,000  
EPS: 4.04p (8.05p)  
Div: 0.84p, mkg 1.14p

**WORCESTER GROUP (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £3.55m (£5.03m)  
EPS: 9.4p (14.2p)  
Div: 2.68p, mkg 4.01p

**AIR LONDON (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £611,000  
EPS: 4.47p (3.45p)  
Div: 1.4p (1.1p)

Fully diluted earnings per share were 25.3p (21.5p). Turnover £31.2m (£26.6m). Extraordinary debit of £284,000 (nil).

Last time's total dividend, 5.55p. Turnover increased to £16.5m (£16.2m). Net assets rose 11.5% to 126p per share.

Last time's total dividend, 6.4p. Turnover £56.3m (£61.8m). Extraordinary debit of £167,000 (£865,000).

Last time's total dividend, 0.65p. Net asset value per share fell 12% to 49.8p. Turnover plunged to £29.37m (£20.1m).

Last time's total dividend, 3.25p. Turnover £15.6m (£11.6m). Board reports that first-quarter trading has been brisk.

Last time's profit was £1.97m. Last time's total dividend, 2.26p. Turnover fell to £13.2m (£17.1m). Extraordinary debit of £58,000.

Last time's total dividend, 3.82p. Exceptional charge of £203,000 and extraordinary debit of £249,000. Interest charges £271,000 (£278,000).

Last time's profit was £433,000. Turnover rose to £8.65m (£5.75m). Company said it looks forward to a good result in the second half.

**LEC REFRIGERATION**  
Pre-tax: £907,000  
EPS: 9.89p (9.47p)  
Div: 10.5p mkg 14.5p

**MAONOLIA GROUP (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £1.05m (£1.00m)  
EPS: 11.18p (10.91p)  
Div: 3.65p mkg 5.4p

**DEAD SEA WORKS (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £68.6m (£77.8m)  
EPS: 30.79p (30.95p)  
Div: 129p (129p)

Final results. Last time's profit was £886,000. Last time's total dividend was 14.5p. Turnover climbed to £51.5m (£48.5m).

Last time's total dividend was 5p. There was an exceptional charge of £108,000. Turnover increased to £28.5m (£21.3m).

Turnover was \$666.8m (\$644.7m). The dividend on deferred shares 123%. Bonus issue of shares recommended at rate of 70%.

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RESULTS FOR 1990

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	1990 £m	1989 £m
Premium income -		
General insurance	2,512.7	2,475.3
Long-term insurance	861.2	810.6
	3,373.9	3,285.9
General insurance underwriting result	(550.8)	(63.7)
Long-term insurance profits	47.7	40.5
Investment and other income	322.2	341.8
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(180.9)	318.6
Taxation	(82.5)	90.9
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(98.4)	227.7
Minority interests	7.8	12.3
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(106.2)	215.4
Dividend	111.1	99.0
Retained profits transfer	(217.3)	116.4
Earnings/(loss) per share	(13.4p)	27.3p
Dividend per share	14.0p	12.5p

### TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	1990 Premium income £m	Underwriting result £m	1989 Premium income £m	Underwriting result £m
United Kingdom	1,631.4	(461.3)	1,369.0	1.2
Europe	378.9	(53.1)	363.3	(22.2)
USA	230.2	(0.8)	262.7	(6.2)
Canada	61.0	(7.3)	63.7	(3.2)
Australia	101.7	(16.1)	109.7	(21.3)
Other overseas	109.5	(12.2)	104.9	(9.8)
	2,512.7	(550.8)	2,475.3	(63.7)

### SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's net assets amounted to £2,034m at 31st December, 1990, excluding the value of long-term business. The solvency margin was 81% (1989: 119%).

### DIVIDEND

The Directors recommend a final dividend payable on 1st July, 1991 of 9.0p per share making a total dividend for the year of 14.0p per share - an increase of 12%. The dividend, costing £71.5m, will be paid on 1st July, 1991 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 3rd May, 1991. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 22nd April, 1991 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 15th May, 1991.

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow slips slightly after big advance

New York  
The Dow Jones industrial average slipped slightly after a big advance on Tuesday, ending at 2,943.05. The Nasdaq index rose three points to 494 and the S&P 500 was up one point at 380. The market tone was strong in the belief that interest rates will be cut.

Nikkei rises by 2%

Tokyo  
The Nikkei index closed sharply higher on both Wall Street and the advanced on Tuesday, ending at 14,880.01. The index jumped 206 points, or 2.01 per cent, to 26,780.06.

Wall Street

Shares closed sharply higher on both Wall Street and the advanced on Tuesday, ending at 2,943.05. The Nasdaq index rose three points to 494 and the S&P 500 was up one point at 380.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

MAJOR INDICES

Index	Value	Change
Dow Jones	2,943.05	+2.23
Nasdaq	494	+3
S&P 500	380	+1

RECENT ISSUES

Issue	Value	Change
Alcatel	1,000	+10
British Telecom	1,000	+5
BT Group	1,000	+2

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Option	Value	Change
Call	1,000	+10
Put	1,000	+5

STOCK MARKET

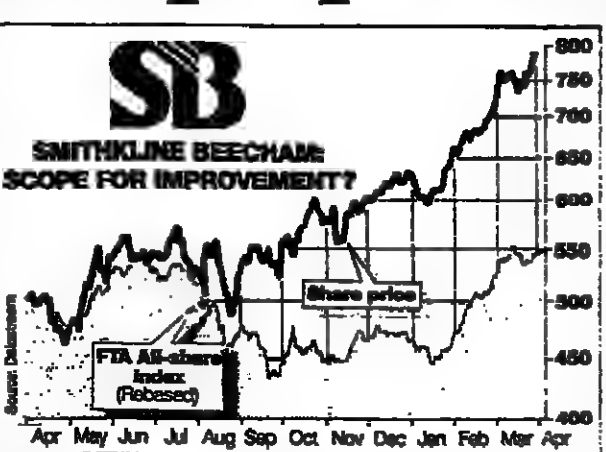
Overnight gains propel shares to record

OVERNIGHT gains in both New York and Tokyo encouraged investors in London to chase shares to record levels. The FT-SE 100 index, which staged a 50-point turnaround on Tuesday, extended its gains, closing 30.8 points up at a all-time closing high of 2,943.05. That compares with its previous best of 2,500.3, achieved last month.

At one stage, the index was almost 40 points ahead and threatening to breach the highest-ever trading level of 2,527.1, also recorded in March. The FT index of 30 shares achieved a rise of 28.3 to 2,014.2.

However, dealers said this latest flurry of activity owed much to technical factors, with traders feeling the squeeze because of stock shortages. Demand on the futures market for the FT-SE 100 index June series resulted in exaggerated price movements. An impressive 700 million shares were traded, although dealers said that this had been artificially swollen by a large number of bid and breakfast deals by institutional investors, establishing tax losses before the end of the financial year tomorrow.

Brokers are now cautious about the short-term outlook after the market's recent strong performance. Many of them believe that it may be close to peaking and they are



electricity distributors were even more marked. Eastern rose 7p to 173p, East Midlands 7p to 187p, London 5p to 178p, Manweb 11p to 238p, Midlands 5p to 178p, Northern 5p to 187p, Norway 6p to 193p, Seaboard 5p to 176p, Southern 3p to 177p, South Wales 11p to 252p, South West 6p to 187p, and Yorkshire 7p to 204p. The electricity package rose £57 to £1,890. The two generators also benefited, with PowerGen 1 1/2p up at 131 1/2p and National Power 2 1/2p higher at 135p.

Tesco continued to please the market with a set of full-year figures at the top end of expectations. Pre-tax profits rose 28 per cent to £417 million, excluding £19.1 million of property profits. The final figure was slightly above the figure forecast by the

a drop in pre-tax profits of £15.3 million to £158.2 million. The figures were the first published by the group since it was floated by BAT Industries last year. Stephen Walls, the chairman, blamed depressed pulp prices and lower margins on paper on both sides of the Atlantic. But the figures were at the upper end of City forecasts and Mr Walls reassured analysts by saying that the group was in a strong position to cope with the difficult conditions likely this year.

SmithKline Beecham A shares climbed 15p to 787p, helped by a buy note from BZW which has been taking a long-term look at earnings growth. The group's anti-ulcer drug, Tagamet, is due to come off patent in America in 1994.

It looks as if the worst may be over at Besson Group, unchanged at 13p, as it recently returned to the black. Bell Lawrie White, the broker, says the new management, new products and potential growth from acquisitions should justify the interest being shown by recovery funds.

With sales dropping dramatically if new marketing agreements cannot be negotiated, BZW calculates that earnings growth is likely to slow to 11 per cent but, if new agreements can be negotiated, the

OUR RESULTS ON PAPER

1990 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

	THE GROUP WITHOUT ARJOMARI		THE GROUP WITH ARJOMARI	
	1990	1989	1990	1989
Turnover (£m)	1,506.4	1,511.6	2,598.6	2,423.8
Operating Profit before exceptional items (£m)	171.4	174.0	282.2	273.0
Profit before Taxation (£m)	158.2	173.5	259.6	262.6
Profit after Taxation (£m)	103.2	108.9	174.1	173.7
Earnings per Share (p)	20.8	21.9	21.5	21.3
Dividends per Share (p)	8.35	—	—	—
Dividend Cover (times)	2.5	—	—	—
Interest Cover (times)	14.4	7.7	12.7	8.3
Net Debt to Equity Ratio (percentage)	19.7	25.1	14.6	30.2

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**The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading**

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 92.7 (day's range 92.7-92.9)

OTHER STERLING RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATE	
Argentina <i>pesos</i>	1728.25/1727.47	Ireland	1.5878
Australia <i>dollars</i>	2.2725/2.2627	Italy	1.7811
Baharin <i>dirhams</i>	n/a	Malaysia	2.7408
Brazil <i>crucados</i>	426.116-430	Malta	1.2586
Cyprus <i>pounds</i>	0.3165-0.2895	Netherlands	1.1547
Finland <i>markka</i>	5.95-7.05	Norway	0.6550
French francs	6.55-6.62	Portugal	20.48
Hong Kong <i>dollars</i>	15.32-15.34	Spain	16.175
India <i>rupees</i>	34.95-36.50	W Germany	1.8710
Indonesia <i>rupiahs</i>	1,612-1,615	Switzerland	1.4865
Malaysia <i>ringgit</i>	4.9821-4.9926	Taiwan	1.8850
Mexico <i>peso</i>	n/a	France	6.5580
Netherlands <i>guilder</i>	3.0095-3.0138	U.S. dollar	1.00
Saudi Arabia <i>riyal</i>	n/a	U.K. dollar	1.00
Singapore <i>dollars</i>	3.1285-3.1382	Belgium (Cont)	34.4
S.Africa <i>rand</i> (R)	1.27-1.28	Canada	0.70
S.Africa <i>rand</i> (S)	4.7827-4.7706	Denmark	146.80
U.A.E. <i>dirhams</i>	n/a	Spain	166.35
		Australia	11.71

Source: *Financial Times* 17/11/1981

EDGHS Fixed Rate Sterling Option Scheme: Upside day: Mar 28, 1981 Agreed to be 13.18% to May 25, 1981; Downside: 13.20% to Aug 1, 1981; 13.25% to Feb 18, 1981; 13.28% to Mar 28, 1981; Scheme IV & E: 13.77%. For details Mar 1, 1981 to Mar 28, 1981; Scheme IV & E: 12.427%.

### LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close
FT-SE 100					
Previous open interest: 3388	Jun 81	2570.0	2585.0	2560.0	2565.0
	Jun 81	2613.0	2615.0	2610.0	2607.0
Three Month Sterling					
Previous open interest: 21467	Jun 81	95.26	95.85	95.27	95.78
	Jun 81	95.49	95.84	95.44	95.48
Three Month Eurodollar					
Previous open interest: 87794	Jun 81	93.58	93.58	93.51	93.52
	Jun 81	93.27	93.27	93.33	93.34
Three Month Euro Dtl					
Previous open interest: 52404	Jun 81	93.73	93.77	93.70	93.70
	Jun 81	93.38	93.38	93.33	93.33
US Treasury Bond					
Previous open interest: 4728	Jun 81	90.00	90.21	90.13	90.17
	Jun 81	90.11	90.11	90.11	90.28
Long Gilt					
Previous open interest: 2704	Jun 81	92.11	92.08	92.11	92.09
Japanese Govt Bond					
	Jun 81	90.59	90.13	90.57	90.01
	Jun 81	93.85	90.39	93.85	90.15
German Govt Bond					
Previous open interest: 5708	Jun 81	90.20	90.23	90.08	90.17
	Jun 81	90.45	90.45	90.45	90.45
Three month ECU					
	Jun 81	90.84	90.67	90.84	90.66

Source: *Financial Times* 17/11/1981

## COMMODITIES

LONDON FICOL			SUGAR (FOB)			LONDON ICE REPORTS (ICIS-LON) - London & New York		
COPPER			C Casterdown			export market recovered. The states add to the stock.		
985-285	May	535-585	May	190.0-98.0		CRUDE OILS (Barron FCB)		
985-285	Jul	618-612	Aug	200.0-98.0		Brent Physical		
785-780	May	527-525	Aug	200.0-98.0		Brent 15 day (Mar)		
785-780	Jul	597-595	Aug	190.0-95.0		Brent 15 day (Jun)		
785-780	Jan	555-582	Dec	190.0-95.0		W Texas Intermediate (May)		
785-780	Feb	570-575	May	190.0-95.0		W Texas Intermediate (Jun)		
785-780	May	590-591	May	Vol 718				
						PRODUCTS (Barron FCB)		
LONDON GRAIN FUTURES			HS-PRO SOYA			Spot Oct HW Futures (prompt delivery)		
WHEAT			Cloves (R)			Premium Gas 1.5		
Close (R)	53.50	107.85	Close (R)	111.0-120.0		Brent Diesel		
May	138.15	107.85	May	119.0-172.0		Nov EEC 1st May		
110.50	Nov	111.43	Aug	125.0-125.0		Nov EEC 1st May		
110.50	Dec	112.75	Dec	130.0-125.0		Naphtha		
117.40	May	117.75	Dec	130.0-125.0				
394.0	Vol	22	Vol	110				
						ICE FUTURES		
LONDON FIBRE FUTURES			Cotton			May		
Close (R)	53.50	107.85	Close (R)	111.0-120.0		May		
May	138.15	107.85	May	119.0-172.0		May		
110.50	Nov	111.43	Aug	125.0-125.0		May		
110.50	Dec	112.75	Dec	130.0-125.0		May		
117.40	May	117.75	Dec	130.0-125.0		May		
394.0	Vol	22	Vol	110		May		
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LONDON MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION			LONDON MEAT			May		
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Company	Group	Close	Change
British Airways	Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	Oil	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	Water	10.00	+0.00
British Airways	Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	Oil	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	Water	10.00	+0.00

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend	Share	Dividend
10.00	10.00	10.00
10.00	10.00	10.00
10.00	10.00	10.00
10.00	10.00	10.00

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to today's competition.

## BRITISH FUNDS

Fund	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## PORTS (Under Five Years)

Port	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Port	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

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Port	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

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Port	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Bank	Value	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Shares forge ahead

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 2. Dealings end April 12. Settlement day April 22. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## BREWERIES

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## BUILDING, ROADS

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## ELECTRICITY

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## FINANCE, LAND

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## FOODS

Company	Price	Change
British Airways	10.00	+0.00
British Petroleum	10.00	+0.00
British Telecom	10.00	+0.00
British Water	10.00	+0.00

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Company	Price	Change
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# Second city scores yet another first

One of the visitors to Birmingham's £160 million International Convention Centre (ICC) as it neared completion was Michael Heseltine.

As the minister responsible for keeping a rein on local authority spending, Mr Heseltine might have had something to say about the fact that Birmingham city council, not the private sector, is developing the ICC and will finance the project through long-term borrowing. The ICC is the largest project of its kind in the United Kingdom.

However, when he was environment secretary in the early Eighties, Mr Heseltine closely identified with the need for urban revival in Britain's industrial cities, and he could hardly disagree with the motives for the ICC's construction. The project is intended to spearhead Birmingham's regeneration as it attempts to become an international business city.

The ICC, which opened this week, is backed by a grant of almost £50 million from the European Community. The city is borrowing the remainder against the assets of the National Exhibition Centre (NEC). This Birmingham-inspired venture has earned regular profits as Britain's biggest exhibition venue.

As a flagship development, the ICC is designed to make Birmingham Britain's leading location for national and international conferences, to complement the proven facilities of the NEC. The convention centre is near the city

**Birmingham's new convention centre represents a gamble by the local authority**



Albert Bore: hiring money

centre, where delegates' spending in hotels, restaurants and shops will create jobs and boost the service sector. Of the 120 functions booked in the first year, 200,000 "delegate days" are forecast, bringing an estimated £30 million of business.

The development represents an act of faith by the Labour-led city council. Until the slump of the Seventies and Eighties, Birmingham had prospered as the recognised national centre of manufacturing, but recession tore through the old industries, throwing tens of thousands out of work. The city decided never again to be so reliant on manufacturing, and sought to

diversify its economic base and expand the service sector. The ICC is a gamble because it will open during recession, but the council would argue that because manufacturing is again being hit, as it was in the Eighties recession, the ICC has an even greater role to play.

Albert Bore, the chairman of the council's economic development committee, says the ICC is unlikely to make money, certainly not on the scale of the NEC, but the intention is not to make instant profits.

He says: "The purpose is to use the centre as a means of activating the Birmingham economy. What we are looking for is spending by delegates, the economic multiplier that will give a major gain to Birmingham and the West Midlands."

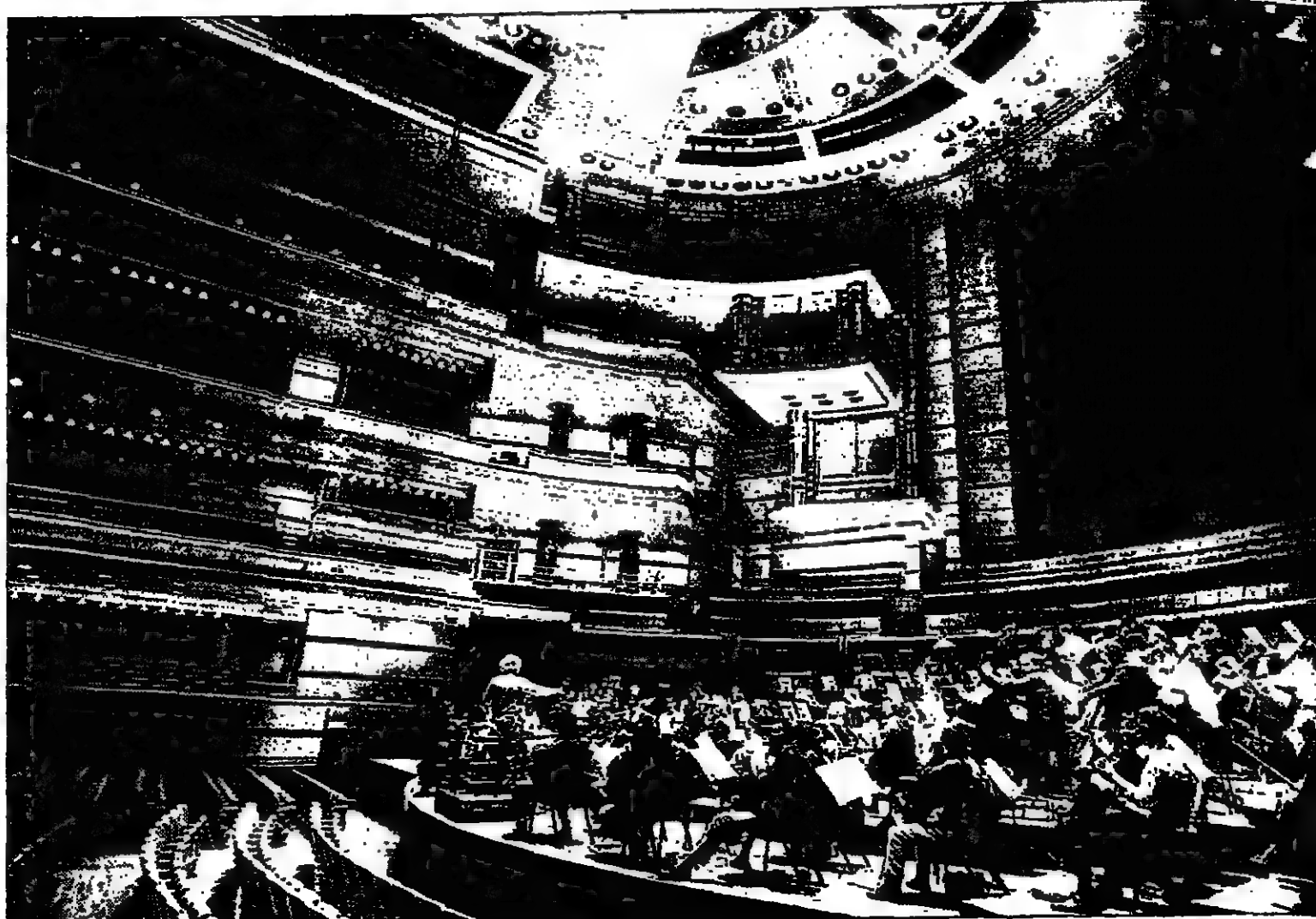
The ICC, it is estimated, has acted as a catalyst leading to £2 billion worth of redevelopment in the city. Alongside the convention centre is a national indoor sports arena and opposite, a five-star Hyatt hotel, one of three hotels that have been opened in the past year. The ICC itself incorporates a 2,200-seat concert hall, to become the home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, which built a name during the Eighties under its conductor, Simon Rattle. The Bull Ring shopping centre, a testament to Sixties planning, is to be replaced by a £500 million retail scheme.

Birmingham city council is a minority partner with five construction companies that

are redeveloping 2,000 acres of east Birmingham for industry, commerce, housing and leisure in the UK's only private urban development agency, Birmingham Heartlands. In Chinatown, a shops project is nearing completion.

Birmingham's detractors say that a local authority should not be so free with public money and that developments such as the ICC should be left to the private sector.

The city council's leaders would reply that without the authority's initiative, the convention centre would not have been built. Municipal boldness, they say, has encouraged private investment.



A note of style: the International Convention Centre includes a 2,200-seat concert hall, the new home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

## None better, even in Berlin

In his office high up in the International Convention Centre (ICC), Barry Cleverdon, the general manager, can view the long, spacious central mall that will greet delegates arriving at the world's newest purpose-built facility for conferences and conventions.

Even before the £160 million centre opened at its canalside location in central Birmingham's Broad Street area this week, Mr Cleverdon had a vision that five years on the ICC would be recognised as one of the world's leading convention venues. Birmingham could by then have become Europe's foremost conference city, on a par with, or perhaps ahead of, Berlin, the current leader.

Of the 120 bookings so far, 85 conferences and events will be staged in the first year and it is estimated that 80,000 to 90,000 delegates will attend functions, each lasting an average of two-and-a-half days. British delegates are expected to spend £150 a day each in hotels, shops and restaurants. This should add £30 million in the first year to the city's economy.

The first convention will be for the British Small Animal

**The ICC could become the most popular venue for leading European conferences within a few years**

Veterinary Association, attended by 2,500 delegates. In June, when the Queen officially opens the ICC, the International Olympic Committee gathers for its 97th session, when it will choose the venue for the 1998 Winter Olympics.

The 180,000 sq ft of the ICC include 11 main halls grouped around the covered, tree-lined central mall. Hall one is the main conference hall, with 1,500 tiered seats; hall three is for exhibitions and conferences for up to 3,000 delegates or banquets for 2,500; and hall five is a theatre for 300 people. Others halls are multi-purpose venues and there are also ten executive meeting rooms for up to 50 people. The centre also incorporates a 2,200 seat symphony hall that will be the home of



Barry Cleverdon: vision

the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Linked to the convention centre by a bridge is a five-star Hyatt hotel, one of a number of hotel developments that have gone ahead in anticipation of increased demand once the ICC opens.

Mr Cleverdon says the ICC will operate at a deficit for about five years. "No meetings facility like this anywhere

in the world makes a difference. One reason was built was to bring to the local economy, support, indirectly, 4,000 jobs. We will create permanent jobs and 150 casual jobs."

He says that the NEC National Indoor Arena, adjacent to the ICC, will create another 100 jobs. The arena, like the symphony hall, is intended for local and events as well as national and international.

Mr Cleverdon is director of the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre (NEC), which is the main company for the development. "It would be wonderful to add, 'if we could add conventions what it has achieved in exhibi-

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Ticket prices: £30.00 - £5.00

Friday 31st May 8.00pm  
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## Luring the arts from London

Music, ballet and light opera are again making national headlines as big companies are drawn to the Midlands

WHEN Simon Rattle announced the start of an arts project in Birmingham, Bryan Bird, the chairman of the city's leisure committee, was pleased the city had again given the world of the performing arts something exciting to talk about.

Mr Rattle, the music director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO), was giving details of Towards the Millennium, an annual festival of drama, films, concerts, exhibitions and other events, based on each decade of this century, to be staged in London and Birmingham, although the lion's share will take place in the Midlands city.

Mr Bird had every reason to be pleased. His leisure committee is responsible for council-sponsored arts initiatives, which last year led to the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet relocating from London to a permanent £4 million, council-provided headquarters at the Birmingham Hippodrome, where it has been renamed the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

While gaining a famous ballet company, the council

was also building its £160 million International Convention Centre (ICC), incorporating the symphony hall, which will be the home of the CBSO.

The ICC opened this week, and the CBSO's first concert in the hall will be on April 15. The hall has special acoustic equipment, including a reverberation chamber to adjust the volume in the auditorium.

The hall has had to be supported on rubber "shock absorbers" to stop vibration from the main Birmingham to Manchester railway line, which runs below it.

Mr Bird is enthusiastic about the hall and the £3 million Centenary Square outside, a wide mall forming a gateway from the city centre to the convention centre for concert-goers. The square has been laid with 500,000 bricks to create a pattern and will incorporate trees, landscaped gardens and sculptures.

The D'Oyly Carte opera is also setting up home at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, and Ronnie Scott, the jazz musician, wants to open a club in the city similar to his London venue.

## Faith restored in the heart

The once-derelict inner city area will be unrecognisable after a revival led by private business

A decaying section of the Birmingham and Fazeley canal running through the city has been revived as the centrepiece for a business village being built on its banks. In another part of east Birmingham, the first occupants have moved into homes built for sale, rent or shared ownership.

These developments are part of the regeneration of more than 2,000 acres of the inner city area by Birmingham Heartlands, the private sector-led urban development agency formed three years ago between five construction companies (Bryant, Douglas, Galliford, Tarmac and Wimpey) in partnership with the city council and with the participation of the chamber of industry and commerce.

The task is to designate land, arrange development packages and attract £1.3 billion, largely from the private sector, to regenerate the derelict area through industrial, commercial, residential and environmental schemes and a new road. The canal network



Home berth: the inner city regeneration includes residential, environmental, industrial and commercial development

is being preserved, reopening canal basins and creating new ones. At Waterlinks, a £150 million project by four of the companies in the partnership creates six office developments, covering 330 acres along a stretch of the Birmingham and Fazeley canal. The

first stage of the one million sq ft business village at Aston Cross has been completed and the first tenants have moved in. It will include a public house and restaurant.

Peter Burford, the chief executive of Waterlinks plc, says all canal-side develop-

ments will face the waterway after an early decision not to ignore the handsome canal architecture.

Heartlands also envisages a residential village in Bordesley, an area surrounding the St Andrews ground of Birmingham football club. More

than 100 houses, priced between £35,000 and £75,000, have been bought, mostly by local people, and other schemes, involving almost 400 more homes, are planned. The homes will be priced within the means of local people.

## Sports winner

The indoor arena is likely to become a world venue

THE £50 million National Indoor Arena, due to open in Birmingham in October, is to host next year's world powerlifting championships, the 1993 world gymnastics championships and the 1995 world netball championships.

Birmingham city council has built the arena with the help of a £3 million grant from the Sports Council.

The city hopes that the arena will become the leading indoor venue in Britain and it believes that by attracting thousands of visitors to events, the city's hotels, restaurants and shops will win a handsome financial spin-off, leading to more jobs.

The city council also hopes regular television coverage of world-class events will put Birmingham more in the international spotlight.

The arena is built alongside the International Convention Centre, close to the centre of Birmingham. Events at the arena will not be restricted to indoor sports because it can be adapted to create extra conference facilities or be used for ice skating.

Permanent seating has been provided for 8,000 people, but the capacity can be increased to 13,000 spectators.

## Market outgrows its use

A THREE-YEAR dispute about plans to redevelop Birmingham's Bull Ring shopping centre was seen by some as symptomatic of the city's difficulty in breaking with the past.

The complex of open markets and shopping precincts within a grey concrete edifice was the creation of Sixties planning, when finesse in architecture was put aside in favour of a bulk facility to cater for the prosperous industrial city.

Birmingham was the centre of the British car industry and became known as Car City. As car ownership increased, the Bull Ring and the dual-lane inner city ring road it straddled were designed to serve

Plans to redevelop the Bull Ring have finally started

the residents of the suburbs, driving into the centre to do their shopping.

The Bull Ring served its purpose, but as the number of out-of-town malls and retail centres in the suburbs increased, the city centre became identified with bargain, rather than quality goods. By the Eighties, the 26-acre site was ripe for redevelopment.

The London and Edinburgh Trust put forward a £500 million redevelopment plan to include 1 million sq ft of

department store shopping, 200 shops and stores, indoor markets, an office tower (to replace the landmark Rotunda office block), pedestrian precincts, restaurants and leisure facilities.

Birmingham city council was keen for the right quality redevelopment, but faced opposition from shoppers and market stallholders worried about being priced out. A community group, Birmingham For People, said one monolith was being replaced by another and asked for a more people-friendly design.

London and Edinburgh Trust redrew its plans and in December won approval. Rebuilding will take five years, starting next year.

A NEW £60 million terminal is to open at Birmingham International Airport this summer, in a year when the airport expects passenger numbers to pass the four million mark.

The terminal will increase the airport's passenger handling capacity to more than six million a year, and its main users will be British Airways, Birmingham European Airways and Brynmor Airways.

The airport claims to be the fastest-growing in Britain. An airport official says the "Eurohub" terminal will be the first purpose-built facility of its kind in Europe and a world first in combining international and domestic passenger operations in a single terminal.

Eurohub, the official says, has been designed to cope with the demands of "hub and

## New hub takes off

A £60m terminal will boost the airport's capacity

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Good communications remain an important selling point for Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region. Its location at the centre of a

motorway box, created by the M6, M5 and M42, has been further enhanced by the completion of the £300 million M40 motorway from Oxford to Birmingham, giving a direct motorway link with London.

Plans are advancing for schemes to develop new roads and improve others in the region to relieve congestion on the older sections of motorway.

Detailed planning is also going ahead for the proposed Midland Metro, a £1,000 million scheme for a light rail rapid transit system to cover Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull and centres in the Black Country conurbation.

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Graduates face a competitive summer in their search for employment. The long-predicted fall in graduate numbers has not occurred. Far from it, higher education is producing 115,000 graduates, 5 per cent more than last year, 80,000 of whom will be looking for work as soon as they have completed their studies.

The recession, however, is biting deeply into many traditional areas of graduate employment, reducing demand and making the search for jobs longer and more difficult.

Unwelcome letters have been arriving in increasing numbers at university and polytechnic careers offices. Most of the top six firms of accountants have filled their London vacancies, but provincial offices still have opportunities. Accountants, who as a group announced 8,000 trainee jobs this year, rarely complete their recruitment until after June and, although some firms are still recruiting, positions are rapidly being filled. More jobs are available this year in tax consultancy, but fewer with the Inland Revenue.

Computing and information technology have always been a good source of graduate jobs. Yet IBM, announced early in the season that it was withdrawing from graduate recruitment and it has since been joined by Oracle, a software house. Sema, another leading systems house, had few vacancies this year. But the good

## Why it is a degree harder for graduates

Graduate jobs are less plentiful than a year ago. Neil Harris advises on how to find and make the most of the limited opportunities

news is that ICL is recruiting normally and that computer departments of big companies, including Tesco, have been recruiting strongly. Most are happy to hire graduates of any discipline, not just computer scientists.

Competition is strong for jobs in retailing. Marks & Spencer, which had offered several jobs starting in the autumn, recently postponed its offer by a year, offering the people concerned a £500 ex-gratia payment. Some solicitors are also offering prospective article clerks a pay-off not to join their firms. The much-publicised reduc-

dancies at the high-street banks have affected graduate recruitment. Lloyds reduced its vacancies dramatically and filled most of them by mid March, leaving just a few for those interested in computer programmes.

Seekers of opportunities in merchant banks will experience considerable difficulty. Reduced recruitment targets have been announced by many large industrial companies. Ford, which last year recruited record numbers, has halved its demand for engineers. Ove Arup, the largest engineering consultancy in Britain, has halved its targets,



The writer's guiding hand: Dr Neil Harris (right) advises students Atossa Shafa and Maryam Rezwan

which is not encouraging for civil engineers. However, companies that gain contracts to rebuild Kuwait City could soon be back on the recruitment scene.

British Aerospace, which recruited 1,000 graduates last year, is seeking fewer this time. Westland, however, started the season with at least as many vacancies as in previous years.

Despite the reduction in opportunities, companies can still expect severe competition for the services of electrical, electronics and chemical engineers.

Applying to the civil service will be more difficult this time, not

because its vacancies are dramatically reduced, but because some departments are recruiting independently and others are arranging to recruit through the recruitment agency set up by the Civil Service Commission. One positive note is that the continuous recruitment of executive officers, suspended last autumn, has been resumed. There is also a new scheme to recruit 30 high-quality graduates who would like eventually to work for the European Commission in Brussels.

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Taken together, these developments point to a difficult time for this year's graduates. After several good years for graduate employment, the tide turned last summer. Then, in January, many companies, including Grand Metropolitan, General Accident and Philips Electronics, withdrew from the milk round. However, the

The best move is to make high-quality well-researched applications

round is reported to be receiving stronger support in the North than the South.

If you are graduating this year, what should you do? If you prepared to gamble on an early start to the recession, you could be job-seeking until after your first year.

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The turbulent Eighties and changing organisation structures form an underlying trend that is likely to continue. The recession has accelerated the process, but the restructuring of organisations is here to stay. So is taking responsibility for your own career.

Because nearly 500 applications are made for many of the executive posts advertised, speakers emphasised that applicants need to put themselves in the position of the personnel director or recruitment consultant on the receiving end. Applicants were also told to make the best use of time, their most precious resource.

If your CV is the sole point of contact between you and the recruiter, then it has 30 seconds to make an impression. If the CV

Senior people know they may have to switch jobs in an uncertain climate. Carole Butler discovers how they prepare for the challenge

manages to bypass the waste-bin and reaches the "reconsider" slot, it will be allocated five minutes at the most.

Writing the CV, therefore, became an important topic for the day. John Hope, of the career consultancy GHN, gave tips on how to construct a CV and described the function of the covering letter. With such intense competition, the role of networking and developing informal contacts with target organisations was emphasised by Peter Tiggs, of the human resources management consultancy Drake Beam Morin.

There was some debate about whether a hidden job market really exists, especially in today's economic climate. Yet, whatever the view, talking through your ideas and experience with friendly contacts, collecting information on the needs of your target organisations, and being aware of changes in the

business world are all valuable when it comes to clarifying career goals and target companies.

Networking will certainly make you better known, and letting others know your intentions can never do harm and may just help you to strike lucky if the timing is right. In addition, informal discussions allow you to present yourself without any risks and provide the ideal practice ground for the real thing.

Another key subject of the conference was the interview, including the preparation and techniques. The 25:75 ratio was mentioned. The principle is that you spend 25 per cent of your effort presenting yourself and 75 per cent on the other person, listening for clues, watching body language and picking up hidden messages in the tone of voice.

Afterwards, one delegate said she was surprised that nothing had



If more candidates could behave as naturally in the interview, both they and employers would have a greater chance of making the right decisions, because they will have started to explore more openly their "degree of fit".

A conference concentrating on the nuts and bolts of job search was not the place for an in-depth investigation of the more fundamental issues of value systems and culture match between job-seeker and employer. However, as an executive taking responsibility

for actively managing your career, do not underestimate the value of in-depth self-assessment, whether or not you are making a career change now or in the future.

Yvonne Sarch, a headhunter at Clive & Stokes, said: "I can tell at the first round who is not going to make it. The people who cannot visualise themselves in the job certainly cannot get others to see them there."

Visualising yourself in a future role happens only if you have clarified your own goals by looking

deeply not only at your experience but also at your energy and commitment what value system will express your potential.

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